

AGAWAM ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



OUR SAFE HALLOWEEN

FOREWORD

A new idea was adopted in town this year when Halloween night activities were held in the local schools. This somewhat different approach to October 31st was due to a newly formed organization called CASH (Citizens Association for a Safe Halloween). Composed of a number of local organizations and clubs, this community project was started to help our young people have a safe celebration of Halloween. Involvement was on a voluntary basis. The recreational areas of schools were utilized and a program of organized events and games was planned to help keep trick-or-treating youngsters off the streets because of the dangers that now exist. Publicity throughout the town was given to the motto "Don't open your door on Halloween." Parents were urged to cooperate by bringing their children to the nearest school. Some of the high school students helped with the entertainment, while adults worked in a supervisory capacity. Elementary schools were open for pre-school and grade school children from 6 to 8 P.M. and a dance was held at the junior high for those students from 7 to 9 P.M. Other interested citizens who were unable to donate their time made cash donations or provided refreshments. Coordinator of the project was Safety Officer Stanley Chmielewski. Concern was shown by neighboring communities and the program shows every promise of expanding in the years to follow.

On the inside cover of the back page of this annual report we have listed the HELPING HANDS who took part in making this community project a success. We hope that other organizations will come forth and participate in this program.

Your Town Report Committee wishes to express its appreciation for the combined efforts of all who helped gather and shape the contents of this report.

GERALDINE SCHILLING
HENRY W. LAWSON
ELIZABETH B. POND

MURIEL MEUNIER
EDWARD A. CABA

The layout and art work for our cover was done by Miss Geraldine Schilling, art teacher at Agawam High School.

Police Officer Betera reproduced some of the pictures used in this Town Report.



Andy Griffin of Mill Street, Agawam and his mother Mrs. James Griffin giving donation for ambulance fund to Chief Grady and Safety Officer Sgt. Chmielewski. Andy was struck by a car last year and severely injured. He made a miraculous recovery and came with his mother to show his appreciation to the Agawam Police in helping him when he needed it.

Town Calendar

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday
8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

BOARD MEETING

Selectmen — Monday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.
School Committee — Second and Fourth Tuesday of Month, 7:30 P.M.
Board of Assessors — Monday Evenings, 7:00 P.M.

TELEPHONES

TOWN HALL	786-0400
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	734-8045
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL	732-7589
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	786-3152
POLICE DEPARTMENT	786-4767
FIRE DEPARTMENT	786-1241

Elected Town Officers

Terms expire on the second Monday in January of the year indicated.

MODERATOR

John J. Shea 1975

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF HEALTH

Joseph A. DellaGiustina	1972	Joseph M. Faucette	1974
Edward W. Connelly	1973	Roy E. Benjamin	1975

TOWN CLERK

Edward A. Caba 1973

TOWN TREASURER

David C. Gallano 1973

TOWN COLLECTOR

Margaret E. Ferranti	1972
Irving R. LaFleur	1975

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

F. Joseph Napolitan	1972	Frank R. Locke	1974
Joseph L. Pisano	1972	Jerry Ralph Sibia	1974
Roberta G. Doering	1973	Venetta L. Snyder	1975
Arthur Zavarella	1974	Richard F. Borgatti	1975

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Frederick A. Drew	1973	Raymond Saracino	1974
Rodolfo Altobelli		1975	

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Sylvia R. Deliso	1973	Beverly J. Malone	1974
Alda Bedard	1973	Priscilla Andrews	1975
David G. Kunasek	1974	Harriett S. Keogh	1975

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Alfred Fontana, Jr.	1973	James A. Cressotti	1974
Charles J. Knudson		1975	

TRUSTEES OF THE WHITING STREET FUND

Gertrude M. Loncto	1973	Augusta L. Donatini	1974
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TREE WARDEN

Elmer Cascio 1975

PLANNING BOARD

Albert Christopher	1972	John T. Burns	1975
Paul M. Fieldstad	1973	Albert J. Bonavita	1976
Charles R. Calabrese	1974	Chester J. Nicora, Jr.	1977

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Roland J. Roberts	1973	Nicholas DePalma	1974
Peter J. Ronchi	1973	Thomas W. Branchini	1975
Pamela D. Jones	1974	Lawrence A. Scherpa	1975

AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Richard J. Dudek	1973	Alfred J. St. John	1975
Daniel DiDonato	1974	Raymond E. Charest	1976
Frank Chriscola, Jr. — State Appointee — 1977			

"TOUCHING ALL THE BASES"



JAMES P. KANE

While in the process of doing research for various reasons of the town records, the name James P. Kane is one that has made quite a mark as far as service and dedication to the town goes.

To steal a phrase from the game of baseball, "touching all the bases," is the best way to sum up this little machine because, Jim as he is best known to our townspeople has indeed touched all the bases as far as service to the town goes.

Jim was active in the days of our open town meeting serving on various committees. To mention some, he served on the Insurance Committee, the School Needs Investigating Committee, the Committee to study Recreation Needs for the Youth of our Town, and was appointed to the Committee on Veteran's Housing for the town. In addition to the above, he served on the Board of Appeals from 1946 to 1955. He also was elected and served on the Finance Committee, Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health. He was elected town meeting member from precinct one when we first adopted our present form of government in 1955 and has served to the present time. He was appointed to the Town Manager form of Government Study Committee.

In winding down his service to the town he was elected to the Charter Commission which proposed a new form of government for Agawam having been adopted at the last town election held in November of 1971. The span of tireless, unselfish, dedication and devoted service to his town commenced on August 31, 1932 and now at a young 79 years of age, Jim plans not to retire completely from service to his town — but, just slow down.

We hope that your interest and devotion to our town continues as we get into the new ball game, and we too many "touch all the bases" as you have already done. Good luck to a fine public servant.

Appointed Town Officers

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Marjorie L. Santinello

CHIEF OF POLICE

R. Kenneth Grady

SAFETY OFFICER

Stanley Chmielewski

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Harry W. Schneider

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Donald J. Campbell

TOWN ENGINEER

John Stone

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Louis D. Draghetti

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICE

John J. McCarthy

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Dr. R. Francis Milici

ASST. GYPSY MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Dominick Ricco

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Joseph Conte

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

George Draghetti

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Alfred Gallerani

TOWN COUNSEL

John J. Teahan

TOWN PROSECUTOR

Victor E. Govoni

DOG OFFICER

Claire Campbell

CIVIL DEFENSE

Arthur Zavarella — Director

Albert M. Jackson, Deputy

SLAUGHTER INSPECTOR

Clark Jones

Appointed Town Officers

BOARD OF APPEALS

Members		Alternates	
Joseph P. McMahon, Jr.	1973	Jerry L. Zerra	1973
Theodore A. Progulske, Jr.	1974	Marcel A. Bedard	1974
John J. Juliano	1975		

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Leslie J. Moore	1972	Richard J. Rieker	1974
Phyllis Mason	1973	Edward A. Caba	(Clerk)

PERSONNEL BOARD

Anthony Nacewicz — Personnel Dir.		Carol Taylor	1973
Roberta Doering	1972	John Shaughnessy	1973
James E. Griffin	1972	Sylvia Deliso	1974
John Sliech	1972	Ronald Wortelboer	1974

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Anthony Ayres	1972	Julian Waniewski	1973
Ruth Zucco	1972	Francis Colli	1973
Edmund Coffey	1972	Rodney Blakesley	1974
Mary Manning	1973	Norman McMahon	1974
John H. Mikszewski		1974	

DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Anthony Egnatowich	1972	Santo Canarella	1974
Carlo Bonavita	1973	Frank Chriscola, Jr.	1974
David C. Gallano	1973	David M. Marshall	1975
Edward W. Schmidt		1975	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John Farrington	1972	Raymond L. Jones	1973
George Fleming	1972	Katherine Vergnani	1973
Henry A. Kozloski	1972	Cynthia Wortelboer	1973
Jeffrey Reynolds		1974	

COUNCIL FOR AGING

Roy E. Benjamin, Chr. Board of Health	Andrew C. Gallano, Sept. of 1973
Frank Chriscola, Jr., Chr. Housing Authority	Rev. Albert J. Blanchard, Sept. of 1973
Claire Niemiec, Sept. of 1973	Jacquelyn C. Fenton, Sept. of 1973
Edith Larsen, Sept. of 1972	

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Anthony Egnatowich	1973	Thomas H. Themisto	1973
Lesslie W. Smith	1973	Ruth Zucco	1973
Laurance R. Andrews		1974	

CEMETERY STUDY COMMITTEE

Roy M. Sullivan	Richard Taylor	Judson Hastings
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Town Directory

Incorporated May 17, 1855

Population 1971 Census — 22,455

UNITED STATES SENATORS

EDWARD W. BROOKE of Boston

EDWARD M. KENNEDY of Boston

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

First Congressional District

SILVO O. CONTE of Pittsfield

COUNCILOR

Eighth District

EDWARD M. O'BRIEN of Easthampton

10 Dragon Circle

STATE SENATOR

Hampden, Berkshire District

GEORGE D. HAMMOND of Westfield

96 Western Avenue

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT

Ninth Hampden District

EDWARD W. CONNELLY of Agawam

565 River Road

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

First Tuesday after Third Monday in November

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Second Saturday in March

Board of Selectmen

This will be the last annual report from the Board of Selectmen to the people of Agawam. As the town enters its transition year from a selectmen-town meeting government to a town manager-council government, we can look back on a period of growth.

The final plans for the multi-million dollar sewerage line that will extend from Bondi's Island west through the Industrial Park and that will end at Feeding Hills Center have been worked out and appropriations granted. Construction should begin in early spring.

The importance of this project cannot be underestimated. Not only will the Feeding Hills area be served by this line, but the prospects for growth of the Industrial Park will be greatly enhanced.

Agawam was able to take advantage under the Emergency Employment Act to acquire \$84,000.00 which enabled the town to fill 16 employment positions: a full time health agent; a public health nurse; a Council of Aging bus driver; two engineering aides; three clerk typists; a school custodian; a youth commission counsellor; five laborers for the D.P.W.; and one laborer for the Parks and Recreation Department.

In the past year, the board has signed a cable television contract that will hopefully provide greater variety of communication and entertainment. It will also provide "feeder" lines to bring television to the schools, to housing for the elderly and to other public buildings.

Despite clear evidence of progress for our town, however, we still face problems: a solution to the bus transportation problem; the need for a better water supply system for various sections of Feeding Hills; the re-negotiations of the rubbish collection contract; a rapidly increasing population that has created a strain on many public services.

It is clear, nevertheless, that Agawam has reached its threshold of potential. That potential can be realized with the untiring efforts of this board, the members of the new administration, and, above all, the townspeople.

The board wishes to extend its grateful appreciation for the distinguished service to the town by Miss Margaret Ferranti, tax collector for the town, and Mr. James Clark, former superintendent of schools, who have retired this past year.



Town Accountant

GENERAL REVENUE RECEIPTS

TAXES

Local

Property	\$5,266,368.68
Tax Title Redemptions	9,839.54
Lieu of Taxes	11,237.13
Loss of Taxes — State	11,168.29
From the State Local Aid Fund	
Valuation Basis	88,780.07
Machinery Basis	4,431.26
School Aid and Special Education	548,932.67

TOTAL TAXES \$5,940,757.64

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Alcoholic Beverage	23,060.00
All Other	25,938.90

TOTAL LICENSES AND PERMITS 48,998.90

FINE AND FORFEITS 9,480.00

GRANTS FROM FEDERAL

School — ESEA Title II	6,376.38
Water Pollution Control	4,980.00
Other Public Works — Highway Safety	9,375.40

TOTAL GRANTS — FEDERAL 20,731.78

GRANTS FROM STATE

School

Transportation	63,809.00
Outside Transportation	808.00
Vocational Education	10,803.00
Food Service (Lunches)	96,814.05
Building Assistance	96,901.69
Special Education Programs	38,711.20
Tuition and Transportation	5,238.50
Other Purposes	
Library Aid	3,929.50
Police — Teleprocessing	234.00

TOTAL GRANTS FROM STATE 317,248.94

GRANTS FROM COUNTY — DOG FUND 1,732.79

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Sewer	3,303.81
Sidewalk	20.00

TOTAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	3,323.81
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PRIVILEGES

Motor Vehicle Excise	595,502.55
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DEPARTMENTAL

General Government

Treasurer	301.46
Collector	3,587.00
Town Clerk	6,056.22
Law	4.00
Engineering	75.50
Planning Board	86.50
Other General Departments	3,218.00
City or Town Hall	250.00

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	13,578.68
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	1,088.54
Fire Department	5.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	993.90
Dog Officer	787.00

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	2,874.44
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HEALTH — PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING	507.00
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SANITATION — SEWER & SURFACE DRAIN	24,765.00
	25,272.00

HIGHWAYS

General	251.50
State and County (Chapter 90)	159,231.96

TOTAL HIGHWAYS	159,483.46
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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Medical Assistance — Recovery	1,000.00
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VETERANS' BENEFITS

Reimbursement for Benefits	35,048.25
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SCHOOLS

Tuition — Individuals	1,718.00
Tuition — Municipalities	591.00
Food Service (Sale of Lunches)	193,023.50
Industrial Art Supplies	928.65
Athletic Accounts	9,644.36
Rent of Facilities	2,225.82
All Other	1,500.41

TOTAL SCHOOLS	209,631.74
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LIBRARIES

Fines, Copies from Copier, etc.	1,696.26
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RECREATION

Arts and Crafts Supplies	949.68
Sale (2) Used Station Wagons	135.00

TOTAL RECREATION	1,084.68
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UNCLASSIFIED

Dividends	
Group Insurance — Blue Cross	11,604.68
W.C. Liability Insurance	2,867.77
Town Buildings — Pkg. Ins. Bldg. & Contents	326.70

TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	14,799.15
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PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Water	
Sale of Water	220,888.68
Miscellaneous	26,288.46

TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES	247,177.14
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INTEREST

Taxes and Assessments	17,571.60
Investment Funds	24,633.95
On Public Trust Funds	
Public Assistance	573.92
School	2,530.12
Library	2,504.32
Cemetery	247.80
All Other	33.04

TOTAL INTEREST	48,094.75
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MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Anticipation of Revenue Loans	2,400,000.00
Other Temporary Loans	104,100.00
Premiums	3,585.00

TOTAL MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS	2,507,685.00
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AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency

Dog Licenses — Sold for the County	6,220.35
Deposits for Services	15,492.39

Payroll Deductions

Federal Withholding Tax	565,062.07
State Withholding Tax	146,142.94
Group Insurance	72,955.81
Retirement Fund	80,470.32
All Other	40,386.93
Credit Union	309,564.32
Other Public Trust Funds	12,795.57

Investments

Invested Cash — Certificate of Deposit	500,000.00
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TOTAL AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT	1,749,090.70
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REFUNDS

General Departments

General Government	28.14
Public Safety	807.04
Highways	515.42
Veterans' Benefits	1,800.25
Schools	3,295.30
Recreation	19.50
All Other	770.00

TOTAL REFUNDS	7,235.65
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$11,961,528.31
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BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	354,834.11
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TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND	\$12,316,362.42
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NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Serial Loans:

General \$ 5,000,000.00

INVESTMENT

Invested Non-Revenue Cash —

Certificate of Deposit 600,000.00

TOTAL NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS \$ 5,600,000.00

BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR 19,220.42

TOTAL NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND .. \$ 5,619,220.42

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND \$17,935,582.84



Town Accountant

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1971

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Balance 1/1/71	Appro- priations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Moderator		100.00		100.00	100.00		
Moderator — Other		35.00		35.00	14.50	20.50	
Selectmen — Salaries		6,100.00		6,100.00	6,100.00		
Adm. Assistant — Salary		6,564.56		6,564.56	6,513.99	50.57	
Extra Clerical — Salary		4,200.00		4,200.00	1,787.09	2,412.91	
Telephone Operator		4,891.12		4,891.12	4,891.12		
Relief Operator		525.00		525.00		525.00	
Special Committee Expenses		1,800.00		1,800.00	119.28	1,680.72	
Selectmen — Other		2,200.00	400.00	2,600.00	2,596.46	3.54	
Travel, Meeting Expense		200.00		200.00		200.00	
Equipment		835.00		835.00	834.62	.38	
Out of State Travel		200.00		200.00		200.00	
Charter Committee Report		1,600.00	1,520.49	3,120.49	3,120.49		
Town Accountant — Salary		9,427.60		9,427.60	9,427.60		
Junior Accountant		7,030.40		7,030.40	7,030.40		
Senior Clerk Machine Operator		3,740.00		3,740.00	2,622.16	1,117.84	
Town Accountant — Other		1,110.00		1,110.00	1,072.56	37.44	
Printing, Stationery and Postage		300.00		300.00	300.00		
Equipment		796.00		796.00	788.15	7.85	
Out of State Travel		200.00		200.00	200.00		
Town Clerk — Salary		10,538.32		10,538.32	10,538.32		
Principal Clerk		6,926.40		6,926.40	6,926.40		
Senior Clerk		5,722.60		5,722.60	5,722.60		
Clerical — Salary		4,788.00		4,788.00	4,787.12	.88	
Town Clerk — Other		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,099.24	100.76	
Equipment		250.00		250.00	222.30	27.70	
Car Allowance		300.00		300.00	300.00		
Town Treasurer — Salary		10,538.32		10,538.32	10,538.32		
Principal Clerk		5,905.25		5,905.25	5,874.38	30.87	
Senior Clerk		4,987.84		4,987.84	4,987.84		

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1971

	Balance 1/1/71	Appro- priations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
Town Treasurer — Other		880.00	300.00	1,180.00	1,088.64	91.36	
Postage		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		
Car Allowance		240.00		240.00	240.00		
Certification Expense		11,500.00	7.00	11,507.00	6,476.48	5,030.52	
Town Collector — Salary		10,850.32		10,850.32	10,850.32		
Adm. Assistant		8,040.76	689.26	8,730.02	8,730.02		
Senior Clerk		5,722.60		5,722.60	5,722.60		
Extra Clerical		1,935.15	1,323.03	3,258.18	3,216.78	41.40	
Town Collector — Other		825.00	215.00	1,040.00	819.11	220.89	
Printing, etc.		3,500.00		3,500.00	3,238.44	261.56	
Travel, Meeting Expenses		100.00		100.00		100.00	
Car Allowance		40.00		40.00	40.00		
Assessors — Salaries		8,000.00		8,000.00	8,000.00		
Adm. Assistant		8,040.76		8,040.76	8,040.76		
Principal Clerk		6,876.48		6,876.48	6,842.00	34.48	
Extra Clerical		4,989.00		4,989.00	3,810.84	1,178.16	
Assessors — Other		1,325.00	530.58	1,855.58	1,846.59	8.99	
Photocopies		700.00	60.00	760.00	704.50	55.50	
Up-Dating Maps		600.00		600.00	517.00	83.00	
Equipment		500.00		500.00	470.71	29.29	
Car Allowance — Assessors		450.00		450.00	450.00		
Revaluation — Assessors	9,550.00	7,875.00		9,550.00	5,794.89	3,755.11	
Town Counsel — Salary		3,150.00		7,875.00	7,875.00		
Town Prosecutor — Salary		650.00		3,150.00	3,150.00		
Law — Books, etc.		1,000.00	837.39	1,487.39	1,465.86	21.53	
Appraisals		3,000.00		1,000.00	300.00	700.00	
Collective Bargaining		4,000.00		3,000.00	3,445.40	3,000.00	
Court Appeals		200.00		4,000.00	54.66	554.60	
Juvenile Court Fees		1,300.00		200.00		145.34	
Election and Registration — Registrars ..		2,000.00	988.54	1,300.00	1,300.00		
Election Officers		1,650.00		2,988.54	2,988.54		
Street Listing — Salaries				1,650.00	1,649.55	.45	

Election and Registration — Other	700.00			700.00	699.79	.21
Printing Forms	3,000.00			3,000.00	2,280.46	719.54
Printing Street Listing	1,400.00			1,400.00	966.00	434.00
Voting Machines	6,568.57			6,568.57	6,568.57	
Adm. Building — Repairs and Maint.	1,290.00			1,290.00	1,255.97	34.03
Custodial Services	8,979.00			8,979.00	8,979.00	
Fuel, Light and Telephone	11,000.00		353.27	11,353.27	11,353.27	
Major Repairs and Improvements	3,651.00			3,651.00	3,462.81	188.19
Package Insurance	4,725.00			4,725.00	4,484.00	241.00
Copy Machine Supplies	1,200.00		300.00	1,500.00	1,318.17	181.83
Other Town Buildings — Reps. & Maint.	500.00			500.00	271.98	228.02
Selectmen — Head Count	4,000.00			4,000.00	2,266.59	1,733.41
Agawam Charter Commission Expense ...	9,000.00			9,000.00	7,271.67	1,728.33
Finance Committee — Clerical	700.00			700.00	676.25	23.75
Finance Committee Expense	600.00			600.00	415.00	185.00
Personnel Board — Clerical	300.00			300.00	299.62	.38
Personnel Board Expense	275.00			275.00	149.97	125.03
Printing Book	300.00			300.00		
Planning Board — Clerical	2,920.00			2,920.00	2,920.00	
Planning Board Expense	851.00			851.00	732.61	118.39
Selectmen — Data Processing:						
Supervisor	2,400.00			2,400.00	2,400.00	
Key Punch Operators	3,500.00			3,500.00	3,178.11	321.89
Equipment Rental	90.50			9,290.50	9,222.50	68.00
Printing Forms, etc.	5,700.00			5,700.00	5,016.46	683.54
Programming	3,000.00			3,000.00	1,346.40	1,653.60
TOTAL — GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 9,640.50	\$ 289,911.05	\$ 7,524.56	\$ 307,076.11	\$ 276,378.83	\$ 30,397.28
						\$ 300.00
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Fire Chief — Salary	\$	\$ 13,751.84	\$	\$ 13,751.84	\$	\$
Regular Fire Salaries		412,838.00		421,356.26	421,276.34	79.92
Call Men		3,500.00		3,500.00	1,208.00	2,292.00
Clerical		500.00		500.00	498.62	1.38
Fire — Other		6,250.00		9,515.93	9,162.27	353.66
Office Supplies		500.00		500.00	473.36	26.64
Mechanics Account		100.00		100.00	99.95	.05

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1971

	Balance 1/1/71	Appro- priations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
Apparatus Repairs		4,000.00		4,000.00	3,724.95	275.05	
Hose and Fittings		1,000.00		1,000.00	983.95	16.05	
Small Tools and Equipment		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Uniforms and Equipment for Men		3,275.00	75.45	3,350.45	3,343.09	7.36	
Buildings Repairs and Maintenance		1,500.00	42.58	1,542.58	1,537.04	5.54	
Out of State Travel		200.00		200.00	200.00		
Police Chief — Salary		13,751.84		13,751.84	13,751.84		
Regular Police Salaries		399,754.00		399,754.00	373,680.24	26,073.76	
Senior Clerk		5,826.60		5,826.60	5,826.60		
School Traffic Officers		8,000.00	470.00	8,470.00	8,470.00		
Safety Officer — Salary		2,505.00		2,505.00	2,304.80	200.20	
Police — Other		3,476.00		3,476.00	3,036.49	439.51	
Office Supplies		1,975.00		1,975.00	1,833.80	141.20	
Safety Officer — Supplies, etc.		794.00		794.00	609.46	184.54	
Telephone and Teleprocessing		3,300.00		3,300.00	3,297.98	2.02	
Supplies and Equipment		5,279.00	314.00	5,593.00	5,049.16	543.84	
Cruiser Repairs and Maintenance		15,000.00	1,841.74	16,841.74	16,834.88	6.86	
Uniforms		5,950.00		5,950.00	5,764.72	185.28	
Out of State Travel		600.00		600.00	317.25	282.75	
Duty Injuries	188.82	1,500.00	507.11	2,195.93	2,192.11	3.82	
Ambulance — Article #10		14,940.00		14,940.00	14,939.25	.75	
New Cruisers		13,077.34		20,821.45	20,174.31	647.14	
Radar Set — Article #11	7,744.11	1,335.00		1,335.00	1,335.00		
Handie Talkies (2) — Article #12 ...		1,246.00		1,246.00	1,246.00		
Inspectors:							
Weights and Measures — Salary		8,484.84		8,484.84	8,484.84		
Inspectors Weights & Measures — Other		200.00		200.00	191.19	8.81	
Equipment		200.00		200.00	180.42	19.58	
Car Allowance		720.00		720.00	720.00		
Out of State Travel		150.00		150.00	150.00		
Electrical Inspector — Fees		4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00		
Building Inspector — Salary		10,864.10		10,864.10	10,817.76	46.34	

Senior Clerk — Salary	5,238.74			5,238.74	5,211.72	27.02
Building Inspector — Other	935.00			935.00	919.75	15.25
Equipment	137.00			137.00		137.00
Building Inspector —Car Allowance	960.00			960.00		
Tree Warden — Salary	1,400.00			1,400.00		
Forestry — Labor	7,500.00			7,500.00		
Equipment Rental	7,000.00			7,000.00	6,999.50	.50
Spraying	1,000.00			1,000.00	290.00	710.00
Tree Planting	2,500.00			2,500.00		2.00
Civil Defense — Clerical	1,087.00			1,087.00	1,087.00	
All Other	500.00	64.86		564.86	537.28	27.58
Communications	1,500.00		500.00	2,000.00	1,995.05	4.95
Engineering and Supplies	200.00			200.00	196.06	3.94
Warning Sirens	1,600.00			1,600.00	956.10	643.90
Transportation	100.00			100.00	99.20	.80
Out of State Travel	100.00			100.00	100.00	
TOTAL — PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 7,997.79	\$1,003,101.30	\$ 15,535.07	\$1,026,634.16	\$ 993,217.17	\$ 33,416.99
PUBLIC HEALTH						
Health Agent — Salary	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Senior Clerk — Salary		3,900.00		3,900.00	3,900.00	27.02
Senior Public Health Nurse I		5,038.02		5,038.02	5,011.00	
Senior Public Health Nurse II		8,119.80		8,119.80	8,119.80	
Substitute Nurse		6,951.36		6,951.36	6,951.36	
Health — Animal Inspector		515.00	134.00	649.00	608.29	40.71
Slaughter Inspector		300.00		300.00	300.00	1.00
Plumbing Inspector — Fees		1.00		1.00		
Health — Other		4,400.00		4,400.00	4,400.00	
Office Supplies		1,050.00		1,050.00	999.53	50.47
TB Hospital		300.00		300.00	242.57	57.43
Nurses Car Expense	941.72	10,100.00		11,041.72	4,988.84	6,052.88
Board of Health Doctor		250.00	322.00	572.00	563.18	8.82
Baby Clinic Doctor		400.00		400.00	400.00	
Car Allowance — Agent		300.00		300.00	300.00	1.00
Gypsy Moth Control		1.00		1.00		
Westfield Area Com. Mental Health		500.00		500.00	500.00	
		6,397.00		6,397.00	6,397.00	

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1971

	Balance 1/1/71	Appro- priations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
TOTAL — PUBLIC HEALTH	\$ 941.72	\$ 48,523.18	\$ 456.00	\$ 49,920.90	\$ 43,681.57	\$ 6,239.33	\$
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS							
SANITATION:							
Garbage	\$	\$ 21,000.00	\$	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$	\$
Rubbish — Dump Rental		34,840.00	7,956.00	42,796.00	42,796.00		
Rubbish Contract		35,063.00		35,063.00	35,063.00		
Rubbish — All Other		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,998.69	1.31	
Pumping and Lift Station Contract		8,320.00		8,320.00	4,159.98	4,160.02	
Sewer Maint. and Surface Drainage		28,000.00		28,000.00	27,985.71	14.29	
Silver St. Storm Drain				5,454.06		5,454.06	
Belvidere St. Surface Drainage	5,454.06			5,309.95	1,095.25		4,214.70
Shoemaker Lane Drainage	5,309.95			674.89	632.39	42.50	
Dredging Brook — Leonard St.	674.89			2,500.00	2,492.50	7.50	
Meadow Ave. Sewer		2,500.00		1,900.00	1,893.50	6.50	
North St. Engineer Sewer Study		7,000.00		7,000.00			7,000.00
Sewerage and Surface Drainage Report	15,338.51			15,338.51			15,338.51
South Main St. Sewer Study	13,889.83			13,889.83	13,151.05		738.78
Sewers, Sewerage Systems	5,934.00			5,934.00	5,934.00		
TOTAL — SANITATION	\$ 46,601.24	\$ 143,623.00	\$ 7,956.00	\$ 198,180.24	\$ 161,202.07	\$ 9,686.18	\$ 27,291.99
HIGHWAYS:							
1961 Ch. 90 Construction, North St.	\$ 5,000.00	\$	\$	\$ 5,000.00	\$	\$	\$ 5,000.00
1961 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St.	5,419.66			5,419.66	5,419.66		
1963 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St.	29,469.74			29,469.74	29,469.74		
1964 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St.	33,411.00			33,411.00	33,411.00		
1965 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St.	8,495.00		25,500.00	33,995.00	33,995.00		
1966 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St.	8,595.00		25,800.00	34,395.00	34,395.00		
1967 Suffield St. Sidewalk	13,700.00			13,700.00	13,700.00		
1968 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St.	8,686.28		25,200.00	33,886.28	33,886.28		
1969 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St.	28,612.48			28,612.48	28,612.48		
1970 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St.	41,595.00			41,595.00	37,226.35		4,368.65

1971 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St.	9,200.00	27,600.00	36,800.00	27,633.68	9,166.32
1971 Ch. 90 Maintenance	21,000.00		21,000.00	21,000.00	
1967 Ch. 519 — Traffic Design	805.00		805.00	769.87	35.13
1971 Traffic Signal — O'Brien's Cor.	6,000.00		6,000.00	33.60	5,966.40
1971 Traffic Signal — Suffield & Cooper	18,000.00		18,000.00	5,244.62	12,755.38
Highway Maintenance	73,000.00		73,000.00	72,992.05	7.95
Road Machinery	26,500.00	6,491.39	32,991.39	32,981.91	9.48
Mittineague Bridge (State)	43,600.00		43,600.00	30,520.00	13,080.00
1969 Franklin Street Sidewalk	946.48		946.48	946.48	
1970 River Road Sidewalk	985.95		985.95		621.55
1970 Phelps School Sidewalk	899.60		899.60	174.00	725.60
1971 Sidewalk Maintenance	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,491.00	9.00
1971 Sidewalk Construction	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,997.25	2.75
Sewer Truck — Article #66	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00	
Pickup Truck — Article #67	2,387.00		2,387.00	2,387.00	
Water Truck — Article #68	5,969.00		5,969.00	5,969.00	
Highway Building — Article #70	82,062.00		82,062.00	82,062.00	
Snow and Ice Removal	60,000.00	692.59	60,692.59	75,506.89	(14,814.30*)
DPW — ADMINISTRATION:					
Superintendent — Salary	14,633.84		14,633.84	14,633.84	
Secretary to Superintendent	7,936.76		7,936.76	7,936.76	
Principal Clerk	6,861.92		6,861.92	6,861.92	
Personnel Services	230,586.00		230,586.00	229,917.35	668.65
Police Salaries	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,969.00	31.00
DPW — Administration — Other	850.00		850.00	811.72	38.28
Travel in State	100.00		100.00	66.35	33.65
Town Engineer — Salary	14,045.98		14,045.98	14,045.98	
Assistant Town Engineer	9,771.58		9,771.58	9,771.58	
Personnel Services	24,446.00	604.00	25,050.00	24,969.95	80.05
Engineering Consulting	500.00		500.00	500.00	
Engineering — Other	1,150.00		1,150.00	1,144.53	5.47
Equipment	350.00		350.00	349.40	.60
Car Allowance — Mileage	430.00		430.00	392.20	37.80
Street Lighting			112,560.38	100,516.06	12,044.32
TOTAL — HIGHWAYS	\$ 237,781.57	\$ 111,887.98	\$1,085,949.63	\$1,036,075.90	\$ 50,371.88

*Authorized — Overdraft \$14,814.30 — Emergency Finance Board (Boston)

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	Balance 1/1/71	Appro- priations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
VETERANS' BENEFITS	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 87,100.00	\$ 1,800.25	\$ 90,900.25	\$ 87,889.07	\$ 511.18	\$ 2,500.00
SCHOOL							
General Operating Expense — Salaries	\$	\$3,261,979.00	\$ 3,221.95	\$3,265,200.95	\$3,225,613.60	\$ 39,587.35	\$
Transportation		153,000.00		153,000.00	147,984.30	5,015.70	
Out of State Travel		1,000.00		1,000.00	819.19	180.81	
TOTAL — SCHOOL	\$	\$3,415,979.00	\$ 3,221.95	\$3,419,200.95	\$3,374,417.09	\$ 44,783.86	\$
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE							
NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL,							
FEEDING HILLS							
Preliminary Plans & Committee Expense	\$ 1,480.07	\$	\$	\$ 1,480.07	\$ 1,480.07	\$	\$
New Junior High School	4,949.79			4,949.79	4,949.79		
TOTAL — NEW JR. HIGH SCHOOL	\$ 6,429.86	\$	\$	\$ 6,429.86	\$ 6,429.86	\$	\$
ACQUISITION OF LAND							
Land Taking — School Purposes	\$ 900.00	\$	\$	\$ 900.00	\$	\$	\$ 900.00
Heirs — D. Crowley	150.00			150.00			150.00
Elbert Road — Easement	2.00			2.00			2.00
Maynard Street	1.00			1.00			1.00
Silver Street Easement	1.00			1.00			1.00
Land Taking — School and Fire	11,702.30			11,702.30			11,702.30
Land Taking — Lealand Avenue	1,000.00			1,000.00			1,000.00
Land Taking — North Street	47.00			47.00			47.00
Land Taking — Stebbins Property	7,000.00			7,000.00	7,000.00		
Land Taking — Treat Property	7,000.00			7,000.00	7,000.00		
Land Taking — Suffield Street	1,441.81			1,441.81			1,441.81
Land Taking — Bridge Street	2.00			2.00			2.00
Land Taking — South Main Street ...	3,300.00			3,300.00			3,300.00
TOTAL — ACQUISITION OF LAND	\$ 32,547.11	\$	\$	\$ 32,547.11	\$ 14,000.00	\$	\$ 18,547.11

LIBRARIES

Chief Librarian — Salary	\$	10,194.08	\$	10,194.08	\$	10,194.08	\$
Adm. Assistant		7,015.84		7,015.84		7,015.84	
Personnel Services		27,986.00	634.66	28,620.66		28,620.66	
Library — Other		1,625.00		1,625.00		1,187.01	437.99
Office Supplies		3,300.00		3,300.00		2,583.72	716.28
Books and Periodicals		12,300.29		12,300.29		12,299.92	.37
Chief Librarian — Car Allowance		600.00		600.00		600.00	
Fuel, Light and Telephone		3,200.00		3,200.00		2,895.35	304.65
Equipment		997.00		997.00		976.94	20.06
Air Conditioner		1,700.00		1,700.00		1,700.00	
Out of State Travel		300.00		300.00		300.00	
1970 Library Needs — Article #38		2,000.00		2,000.00			2,000.00
TOTAL — LIBRARIES	\$	2,000.00	\$	69,218.21	\$	68,373.52	\$
							1,479.35
							\$

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Parks, Director — Salary	\$	8,879.26	\$	8,879.26	\$	8,836.84	\$	42.42	\$
Maintenance Labor		14,836.35		14,836.35		14,474.80		361.55	
Personnel Services — Programs		31,263.00		31,263.00		26,894.99		4,368.01	
Parks — Other		4,852.00		4,852.00		4,733.36		118.64	
Programs — Rental Rinks, etc.		5,440.00		5,440.00		5,428.28		11.72	
Athletic Equipment		1,874.00		1,874.00		1,869.68		4.32	
Playground Equipment		2,000.00		2,000.00		1,979.74		20.26	
Miscellaneous Equipment		1,563.00		1,563.00		1,539.43		23.57	
Building Repairs & Maint. of Grounds		6,999.00	19.50	7,018.50		6,922.44		96.06	
Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance		1,000.00		1,000.00		904.07		95.93	
Two (2) Used Station Wagon		500.00		500.00		500.00			
Tractor w/Bucket — Article #30		3,900.00		3,900.00		3,895.00		5.00	
Developing Borgatti Field — Art. #32		2,200.00		2,200.00		2,200.00			
Director — Car Allowance		760.00		760.00		760.00			
Out of State Travel		100.00		100.00				100.00	
TOTAL — PARKS & RECREATION ..	\$	86,166.61	\$	86,186.11	\$	80,938.63	\$	5,247.48	\$

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COM- MISSIONS AND COUNCIL EXPENSES

Sidewalk and Safety Committee

\$ 100.00 \$ 100.00 \$ 40.65 \$ 59.35 \$

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1971

	Balance 1/1/71	Appro- priations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
Memorial Day Committee		779.00		779.00	720.63	58.37	
Capital Budget Committee		495.00		495.00	426.00	69.00	
Board of Appeals		821.00		821.00	821.00		
Conservation Commission		885.00		885.00	264.40	620.60	
Dog Law Enforcement		3,100.00	1,300.00	4,400.00	4,397.00	3.00	
All Other		350.00		350.00	350.00		
Agawam Youth Commission		500.00		500.00	423.06	76.94	
Agawam Beautification Committee		500.00		500.00	499.72	.28	
Council on Aging — Director		3,276.00		3,276.00	2,746.08	529.92	
Arts and Crafts — Salaries		1,300.00		1,300.00	935.00	365.00	
Custodial Services		620.00		620.00	600.00	20.00	
Community Services		600.00		600.00	600.00		
Council — Other		552.00	600.00	1,152.00	1,143.20	8.80	
Fuel, Light and Telephone		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,194.24	5.76	
Building Rental		4,800.00		4,800.00	4,800.00		
Arts and Crafts Supplies		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,499.77	.23	
TOTAL — BOARDS, COMMITTEES	\$	\$ 21,378.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 23,278.00	\$ 21,460.75	\$ 1,817.25	\$

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Clerical	\$	552.00	\$	\$	552.00	\$ 231.25	\$ 320.75	\$
All Other		800.00			800.00	63.58	736.42	
Publicity		2,000.00			2,000.00			2,000.00
Survey — Industrial Park		1.00			1.00		1.00	
USE OF COMMISSION — ART. #21 ATM.		30,000.00			30,000.00			30,000.00

TOTAL — BUSINESS & DEVELOP.

	\$	\$ 33,353.00	\$	\$	\$ 33,353.00	\$ 294.83	\$ 3,058.17	\$ 30,000.00
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UNCLASSIFIED

Conservation Fund — Article #59	\$	500.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 515.00	\$ 515.00	\$	\$
Previous Year's Bills		698.11		698.11	698.11		
Damages to Persons and Property		2,000.00	400.00	2,400.00	2,181.41	218.59	

Town Vehicle Insurance	12,000.00			12,000.00	11,921.77	78.23
Liability Insurance (W/C)	19,299.00			19,299.00	18,787.00	512.00
Surety Bonds	1,000.00			1,000.00	912.00	88.00
Town Reports	4,291.00			4,291.00	4,113.84	177.16
Foreclosure Tax Titles	1.00			1.00		1.00
Aid to Agriculture	25.00			25.00		
WWI Barracks Rent	600.00			600.00		
DAV Agawam Ch. 55 Rent	600.00			600.00		
Adm. Complex — Investigation	1,000.00			1,000.00		1,000.00
1969 and 1970 By-Laws Compilation	6,000.00			6,000.00		6,000.00
1970 Revaluation Town Jobs	3,500.00			3,500.00	3,300.00	200.00
Stabilization Fund	100,000.00			100,000.00	100,000.00	
Reserve Fund — Finance Committee	45,000.00			45,000.00	45,000.00	
TOTAL — UNCLASSIFIED	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 186,014.11	\$ 415.00	\$ 196,929.11	\$ 188,654.13	\$ 1,274.98
ENTERPRISES						
Water — All Other	\$	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 36,200.00	\$ 36,199.15	\$.85
Metered Consumption		120,000.00		120,000.00	110,654.45	9,345.55
Billing		400.00		400.00	367.80	32.20
North Street Water Line		6,200.00		6,200.00	6,194.28	5.72
Garden Street Water Line		14,000.00		14,000.00	13,996.53	3.47
TOTAL — ENTERPRISES	\$	\$ 171,800.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 176,800.00	\$ 167,412.21	\$ 9,387.79
CEMETERIES						
Cemetery — Maintenance Contract	\$	\$ 925.00	\$	\$ 925.00	\$ 915.60	\$ 9.40
Veterans' Graves		351.00		351.00	351.00	
Rebuilding		250.00		250.00	200.00	50.00
All Other		25.00		25.00	22.44	2.56
TOTAL — CEMETERIES	\$	\$ 1,551.00	\$	\$ 1,551.00	\$ 1,489.04	\$ 61.96
EMPLOYEE'S PENSIONS AND BENEFITS						
Non-Contributory Retirement	\$	\$ 2,018.00	\$	\$ 2,018.00	\$ 2,017.65	\$.35
Contributory Retirement		127,247.00		127,247.00	127,246.81	.19
Group Insurance and Hospitalization		59,895.00		59,895.00	59,661.25	233.75
TOTAL — EMPLOYEE'S BENEFITS ..	\$	\$ 189,160.00	\$	\$ 189,160.00	\$ 188,925.71	\$ 234.29

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1971

	Balance 1/1/71	Appro- priations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST							
Debt — Principal	\$	\$ 330,000.00	\$	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$	\$
Debt — Interest		185,155.00		185,155.00	185,155.00		
Temporary Loan — Interest		40,000.00		40,000.00	29,123.09	10,876.91	
TOTAL — DEBT AND INTEREST	\$	\$ 555,155.00	\$	\$ 555,155.00	\$ 544,278.09	\$ 10,876.91	\$

SUMMARY — APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1971

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 9,640.50	\$ 289,911.05	\$ 7,524.56	\$ 307,076.11	\$ 276,378.83	\$ 30,397.28	\$ 300.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	7,997.79	1,003,101.30	15,535.07	1,026,634.16	993,217.17	33,416.99	
PUBLIC HEALTH	941.72	48,523.18	456.00	49,920.90	43,681.57	6,239.33	
DPW — SANITATION	46,601.24	143,623.00	7,956.00	198,180.24	161,202.07	9,686.18	27,291.99
DPW — HIGHWAY	237,781.57	736,280.08	111,887.98	1,085,949.63	1,036,075.90	14,316.15	50,371.88*
VETERANS' BENEFITS	2,000.00	87,100.00	1,800.25	90,900.25	87,889.07	511.18	2,500.00
SCHOOLS		3,415,979.00	3,221.95	3,419,200.95	3,374,417.09	44,783.86	
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE ..	6,429.86			6,429.86			
ACQUISITION OF LAND	32,547.11			32,547.11	14,000.00		18,547.11
LIBRARIES	2,000.00					1,479.35	2,000.00
PARKS		69,218.21	634.66	71,852.87	68,373.52	5,247.48	
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.		86,166.61	19.50	86,186.11	80,938.63		
BUSINESS & INDUST. DEV. COMM.		21,378.00	1,900.00	23,278.00	21,460.75	1,817.25	
UNCLASSIFIED		33,353.00		33,353.00	294.83	3,058.17	30,000.00
ENTERPRISES	10,500.00	186,014.11	415.00	196,929.11	188,654.13	1,274.98	7,000.00
CEMETERIES		171,800.00	5,000.00	176,800.00	167,412.21	9,387.79	
EMPLOYEES' PENSION & BENEFIT ..		1,551.00		1,551.00	1,489.04	61.96	
MATURING DEBT & INTEREST		189,160.00		189,160.00	188,925.71	234.29	
TOTAL — SUMMARY	\$ 356,439.79	\$ 7,038,313.54	\$ 156,350.97	\$ 7,551,104.30	\$ 7,255,118.47	\$ 172,789.15	\$ 138,010.98**

*Authorized — Overdraft \$14,814.30 — Emergency Finance Board (Boston)

**To be raised: Snow and Ice Removal — Overdraft \$14,814.30

Authorized by Emergency Finance Board — Storms 11-24 and 12-6-71

REPORT OF TRANSFERS VOTED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE — YEAR 1971

APPROPRIATION FROM OVERLAY RESERVE \$ 45,000.00

Department	Reserve Transfer To:	Amount
Selectmen	Charter Commission Report — Printing	\$ 1,520.49
	Forms, Stationery, Postage and Consulting Services	400.00
Town Treasurer	Insurance — Money and Securities, etc.	300.00
Town Collector	Administrative Assistant — Overtime	689.26
	Extra Clerical	1,323.03
	Insurance — Money and Securities, etc.	215.00
Assessors	Forms, Miscellaneous Supplies, etc.	530.58
	Photocopies	60.00
Law	Land Taking — Treat and Stebbins Properties	816.25
	Hearings — Boston, Fees, etc.	
Election and Registration	Election Officers	988.54
Administration Building	Fuel, Light and Telephone	353.27
	Copy Machine Supplies	300.00
Fire	Sick Leave	8,518.26
	Gasoline and Oil, Duty Injuries, Fire Alarm	
	Maintenance, Fuel, Light and Telephone	3,000.00
	Uniforms and Equipment for Men	75.45

Department	Reserve Transfer To:	Amount
Police	Salaries:	
	School Traffic	390.00
	Equipment and Supplies	314.00
	Cruiser Repairs and Maintenance	1,103.92
	Duty Injuries — Officers	507.11
Civil Defense	Communications	500.00
Health	Salary:	
	Substitute Nurse	134.00
	Nurses Car Repairs	322.00
Department of Public Works		
	Dump Rental Contract	7,956.00
	Road Machinery Account	5,000.00
	Snow and Ice Removal	692.59
Engineering	Salaries:	
	Personnel Services	604.00
Libraries	Salaries:	
	Personnel Services	634.66
Administration	Damages to Persons and Property	400.00
Dog Officer	Dog Law Enforcement	1,300.00
Enterprises	Water — All Other	5,000.00
Welfare	Recovery Account — Due Commonwealth	1,051.59
TOTAL TRANSFERS VOTED		\$ 45,000.00

DETAIL OF INSIDE DEBT LIMIT

	% of Interest	Year Issued	Outstanding 1/1/71	Paid 1971	Outstanding 12/31/71	Principal Due 1972	Interest Due 1972	Date of Maturity
South Street School	2.60	1965	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 780.00	1974
Robinson School	3.80	1959	180,000.00	20,000.00	160,000.00	20,000.00	6,080.00	1979
High School Addition	3.10	1961	155,000.00	15,000.00	140,000.00	15,000.00	4,107.50	1981
Granger School Addition	3.10	1964	220,000.00	20,000.00	200,000.00	20,000.00	5,890.00	1984
Springfield Street Storm Drain	3.10	1961	20,000.00	20,000.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	1971
Feeding Hills Fire Station No. 2	3.25	1967	35,000.00	35,000.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	1971
Memorial Park Drive, Sewer	4.40	1968	265,000.00	25,000.00	240,000.00	20,000.00	10,120.00	1983
Suffield Street Land Takings	6.50	1969	36,000.00	20,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	1,040.00	1972
			\$ 951,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 786,000.00	\$ 101,000.00	\$ 28,017.50	

DETAIL OF OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT

Phelps School Addition	1.70	1952	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 85.00	1972
New High School	2.25	1954	120,000.00	30,000.00	90,000.00	30,000.00	1,687.50	1974
New High School	2.25	1956	300,000.00	75,000.00	225,000.00	75,000.00	4,218.75	1974
South Street School	2.60	1959	40,000.00	15,000.00	25,000.00	15,000.00	650.00	1973
Robinson School	3.80	1963	100,000.00	15,000.00	85,000.00	15,000.00	3,230.00	1979
Water Distribution	4.40	1968	260,000.00	20,000.00	240,000.00	20,000.00	10,120.00	1983
New Feeding Hills Jr. High School	5.10	1971	—0—	—0—	4,800,000.00	240,000.00	238,680.00	1991
South Main Street Sewer	5.10	1971	—0—	—0—	200,000.00	20,000.00	9,690.00	1981
			\$ 840,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 5,675,000.00	\$ 425,000.00	\$ 268,361.25	
			\$ 1,791,000.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 6,461,000.00	\$ 526,000.00	\$ 296,378.75	

GRAND TOTAL

LOANS AUTHORIZED: (UNISSUED)

South Main Street Sewer	\$ 94,000.00
Sewers, Sewerage Systems, etc.	2,715,000.00

TOTAL \$2,809,000.00

TOWN OF AGAWAM — BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1971

ASSETS

Cash Revenue	\$ 383,822.78
Invested Cash	500,000.00
Non-Revenue Cash	446,189.62
Non-Revenue Invested Cash	3,200,000.00
Petty Cash Advance	\$4,530,012.40
	31.00

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:	
Levy of 1969	
Personal Property	3,659.50
Levy of 1970	
Personal Property	3,730.80
Real Estate	40,782.27
Levy of 1971	
Personal Property	16,620.74
Real Estate	371,322.03
	44,513.07

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Levy of 1968	8,918.04
Levy of 1969	13,650.90
Levy of 1970	29,874.45
Levy of 1971	95,764.95
	148,208.34

Special Assessments:

1970 Apport. Sewer — Added to Taxes	55.13
1971 Apport. Sewer — Added to Taxes	137.30
1970 Committed Interest	25.24
1971 Committed Interest	66.17
	283.84

Tax Titles	20,389.69
Tax Possessions	7,273.78

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Payroll Deductions:	
Agawam Tn. Emp. Fed. Cr. Union	\$ 26,423.34
Blue Cross, Blue Shield	8,433.42
Hampden County Retirement	8,760.14
Federal Withholding Taxes	52,736.28
Life Insurance	474.38
U. S. Savings Bonds	168.75
School Annuity Contracts	2,881.20
Fire Union Dues	152.00
Police Union Dues	300.00
Dept. Public Works Union Dues	16.00
School Custodians Union Dues	41.00
State Withholding Taxes	16,547.90
Reserve — Petty Cash Advance	\$ 116,934.41
	31.00

Deposit Accounts:

Miscellaneous Bid Guarantees	300.00
Water Guarantees	—0—
Planning Board	269.30
Board of Appeals	55.78
	625.08

Medicare Premium in Escrow

Tailings	123.20
County — Dogs Sold	152.13
Council on Aging — Gift Fund	3.00
Library — Gift Fund	2,179.59
Employees Group Insurance Fund	45.52
Conservation Fund	3,427.39
	525.00

Trust Fund Income:

Desire A. Pyne	404.98
Whiting Street, Worthy Poor Fund	920.76

Departmental Revenue:			
a/r Sewer	7,055.00	Mary Phelon School Fund	833.67
a/r Highway	177.20	Mary Phelon Library Fund	106.69
a/r Schools — Tuition	105.00	Davis Library Fund	3,356.13
		Feeding Hills Cemetery, General Care	37.96
Water:		Old Cemetery Fund	211.46
Water Rates	14,815.53	Feeding Hills Cemetery, Perpetual Care ..	50.13
Miscellaneous Billings	3,219.03	Maple Grove Cemetery Fund	76.20
1970 Water Liens A.T.T.	427.87	Lydia Roberts Cemetery Fund	287.60
1971 Water Liens A.T.T.	1,727.32	Faolin Peirce Scholarship	2,302.30
		Clara H. Williams Nursing S.S. Fund ...	99.99
Aid to Highways:		Overlay Reserve	8,687.87
State	25,763.03		48,511.34
County	23,130.01		
Loans Authorized		Overlay Reserved for Abatements:	
		1969 Overlay	3,726.77
Under Estimates:		1970 Overlay	54,987.59
1971 County Tax		1971 Overlay	36,854.74
		Revolving Funds:	
Final Court Judgments	525.20	School Lunch	33,251.53
		School Athletic	3,781.32
	11,465.39	School ESEA Title II	257.41
Due from Federal:		School NDEA Title III	5,719.03
Water Dist. Proj. No. WS-1-22-0104	25,000.00	Smith, Hughs, Barden	2.94
		School Adult Evening	4,422.84
AUTHORIZED OVERDRAFT:			
Snow and Ice Removal	14,814.30	Planning Board — Forfeiture Deposit	47,435.07
		Dziubek — Contractor	6,664.00
		Welfare — M. A. Recovery	1,000.00
		Unexpended Appropriation Balances:	
		Belvidere St. Surface Drain	4,214.70
		North St. Engineer Sewer Study	7,000.00
		Sewerage and Surface Drain Report	15,338.51
		1961 Chapter 90 Constr. Eng., North St.	5,000.00
		South Main St. Sewer Study	738.78

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

1970 Chapter 90 Constr., Suffield St.	4,368.65	
1971 Chapter 90 Construction	9,166.32	
Traffic Design — O'Brien's Corner	35.13	
Traffic Signal — O'Brien's Corner	5,966.40	
Traffic Signal — Suffield and Cooper Sts.	12,755.38	
Mittineague Bridge — State	13,080.00	
1971 Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00	
Schools — Land Taking Purposes	900.00	
Land Taking — Heirs D. Crowley	150.00	
Elbert Road Easement	2.00	
Maynard Street	1.00	
Silver Street Easement	1.00	
Land Taking — School & Fire Purposes	11,702.30	
Lealand Ave. and Valentine St.	1,000.00	
North Street	47.00	
Suffield Street	1,441.81	
Bridge Street	2.00	
South Main Street	3,300.00	
Library Needs	2,000.00	
Personnel Board — Printing Book	300.00	
Land Taking — Invest. Costs Adm.	1,000.00	
Town By-Laws — Compilation, etc.	6,000.00	
Agawam Bus. & Ind. Develop. Com.	30,000.00	
	<hr/>	138,010.98
Loans Authorized and Unissued		2,809,000.00
Temporary Loan Chapter 90 Constr.		27,600.00
Over Estimates:		
1971 State Recreation Areas	5,802.89	
1971 Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution	446.07	
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Surplus Revenue		6,248.96
		886,893.11

Non-Revenue:

Connecticut River Interceptor Sewer	314.48
Memorial Dr., Park, etc. Sewers	1,328.26
Feeding Hills Fire Station No. 2	11,016.92
Water Distribution	17.99
New Jr. High School, Feeding Hills	3,616,976.81
Sewer, Sewerage Systems, etc.	16,535.16
	<u>3,646,189.62</u>

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	148,208.34
Special Assessments	283.84
Tax Titles and Possessions	27,663.47
Departmental	7,337.20
Water	20,189.75
Aid to Highways	30,000.30
	<u>233,682.90</u>

\$8,079,539.27

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DEFERRED REVENUE

Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue Not Due	\$ 12,352.62
Apportioned Sidewalk Assessment Not Due	70.00
	<u>\$ 12,422.62</u>

Apportioned Sewer Assessment Due 1972-1989	\$ 12,352.62
Apportioned Sidewalk Assessment Due 1972-1978	70.00
	<u>\$ 12,422.62</u>

TOWN OF AGAWAM — TOWN ACCOUNTANT — NON-REVENUE CASH
DECEMBER 31, 1971

BALANCES

Non-Revenue Cash	\$ 446,189.62	ACCOUNTS	
Invested Non-Revenue Cash	3,200,000.00	Connecticut River Interceptor Sewer	\$ 314.48
		Memorial Drive, Park, etc. Sewer	1,328.26
		Feeding Hills Fire Station No. 2	11,016.92
		Water Distribution	17.99
		New Junior High School	3,616,976.81
		Sewer, South Main Street Area	16,535.16
	<u>\$3,646,189.62</u>		<u>\$3,646,189.62</u>

TOWN OF AGAWAM — TOWN ACCOUNTANT — REVOLVING FUND ACCOUNTS
JANUARY 1, 1971 — DECEMBER 31, 1971

Item	Conservation Fund	School Lunch	School Athletics	School Adult Evening	School Title II	School Other
1. Balances January 1, 1971	\$ —	\$ 5,640.71	\$ 2,380.07	\$ 3,002.54	\$ 750.23	\$ 5,721.97
2. Revenue and Receipts:						
Federal Aided					6,376.38	
State Aided		96,814.05				
Sales		193,023.50	9,644.36			
Appropriations and Gifts	525.00					
Other Receipts (Tuition, etc.)				1,718.00		
3. Total Balances and Receipts	\$ 525.00	\$295,478.26	\$ 12,024.43	\$ 4,720.54	\$ 7,126.61	\$ 5,721.97
4. Total Expenditures	—	\$262,226.73	\$ 8,243.11	\$ 297.70	\$ 6,869.20	
5. Balances December 31, 1971	\$ 525.00	\$ 33,251.53	\$ 3,781.32	\$ 4,422.84	\$ 257.41	\$ 5,721.97
(Item 3 minus Item 4)						

TOWN OF AGAWAM — TOWN ACCOUNTANT
TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS — — BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1971

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Treasurer	\$ 299,386.96
In Custody of Trustees and Treasurer	7,688.31

In Custody of Treasurer:

Desire A. Pyne Charity Fund	\$ 2,777.24
Faolin Pierce Scholarship Fund	21,457.45
Mary A. Phelon School Fund	5,016.17
Mary A. Phelon Library Fund	701.93
Clara H. Williams Nursing Scholarship Fund	629.78
Maple Grove Cemetery Fund	2,177.06
Feeding Hills Old Cemetery — General Care	255.37
Feeding Hills Old Cemetery — Perpetual Care	466.84
Old Cemetery Fund	1,275.43
Charles Palmer Davis Library Fund	57,129.69
Stabilization Fund	207,500.00

In Custody of Trustees and Treasurer:

Whiting Street Poor Fund	7,137.94
Lydia B. Roberts Cemetery Fund	550.37

\$ 307,075.27

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TOWN OF AGAWAM — TOWN ACCOUNTANT
RECAPITULATION ESTIMATED RECEIPTS — DECEMBER 31, 1971

BOARD OF ASSESSORS:

	Assessors Estimate	Actual Received (45,455.66) *	Excess (Deficiency)
Estimated Receipts as certified by Commissioner	\$ 985,121.02	\$ 884,217.08	\$ (100,903.94)
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	590,000.00	582,909.31	(7,090.69)
Licenses	30,000.00	27,742.50	(2,257.50)
Fines	10,000.00	3,567.00	(6,433.00)
Special Assessments	3,000.00	3,943.35	943.35
General Government	10,000.00	20,317.58	10,317.58
Protection of Persons and Property	10,000.00	22,338.34	12,338.34
Health and Sanitation	22,000.00	28,490.50	6,490.50
Libraries (local receipts other than State Aid)	1,500.00	1,696.26	196.26
Recreation	500.00	1,084.68	584.68
Public Service Enterprises (Water)	160,000.00	244,533.19	84,533.19
Cemeteries (other than Trust Funds and Lot Sales)	9,500.00	—	(9,500.00)
Interest and Costs: Taxes and Assessments			
On Deposit			
Farm Animal Excise	500.00	44,924.67	44,424.67
In Lieu of Taxes	4,000.00	—	(4,000.00)
Schools (local receipts)	3,000.00	8,927.13	5,927.13
Highways	—	6,124.17	6,124.17
Miscellaneous	—	327.00	327.00
		3,647.96	3,647.96
	\$1,839,121.02	\$1,884,790.72	\$ 45,669.70

*Offsets Not Included

Town Clerk

In addition to the annual town meeting, there were two special town meetings. The number of articles acted on total one hundred and fifty-nine.

The annual town election held November 16, 1971 created a great deal of interest due to the fact that the question regarding the adoption of the new charter as proposed by the Charter Commission was voted in favor of.

Now that we have adopted our new form of government doesn't mean that the work is over and it will automatically function by pulling a string or pushing a button. Actually, the work is only about to begin, there will be many questions that will come before us which can only be answered by working together with those whom we elect to serve us.

We have through the democratic process voted to adopt this new charter. Every residence where a registered voter resides received a copy of this charter before the election and copies have been available to all our residents by calling at the town clerk's office and asking for one. I would hope that if you haven't already done so you study and become familiar with it so that if there are sections that you feel should be amended, you can do so through the process set forth within the charter. In this manner we will be able to improve what we have. I must point out that this charter is the first of its kind in the Commonwealth and not any different than a new pair of shoes — they don't feel good until they are broken in.

It is my sincere hope and plea, that whether you choose to run for any office proposed in the new charter, we do accept the responsibility incumbent upon us to encourage active participation in not only electing people to these offices; but working together with them to make the period of transition orderly and keeping in mind the interest of Agawam FIRST and FOREMOST.

In closing, this my fifth annual report, I want to say our goals for the coming year are the same as always — to serve you to the best of our ability.

On behalf of my staff and myself, I want to thank the Board of Selectmen, all other departments and our townspeople for the fine cooperation we have received to make this a year of progress.

Recorded through September 30, 1971.

BIRTHS	352
DEATHS	178
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	267
MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED	278
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS RECORDED	780
TERMINATIONS	172
BUSINESS CERTIFICATES RECORDED AND COPIES	87
DOG LICENSES ISSUED	1842
Males	952
Females	242
Spayed	648
Kennels	18
RECORDING FEES	\$ 4,991.67
SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED	14,535.80
POLE LOCATIONS	156.00
GAS STORAGE PERMITS	957.50

Town Treasurer

The "Debt and Financing" budget this year indicates a 37% increase over the 1970 budget, which was our "low point" in permanent borrowing. This additional increase in debt payment of \$424,088 over the 1970 figure reflects the construction of the new Junior High School and the South Main Street Sewer Project.

Construction of the approved \$2,715,000 trunk line sewer from Feeding Hills Center to the Bondi Island treatment plant will begin in 1972. Some temporary borrowing will be necessary during 1971 with permanent bonding taking place in 1972. The effects of the permanent bonding cost will appear in our record during the year 1973. The town is entitled to Federal assistance on this sewer project amounting to approximately \$1,200,00 — \$450,000 would be interest charges.

Future projects now under discussion for development in the very near future that will effect our debt balance is a \$1,000,000 town share of the proposed new sewerage treatment plant and an approximate \$600,000 for a new Police and Civil Defense building. Should both of these projects be in effect during 1973 our "Debt Financing" budget would show an increase of \$280,000 for an additional 25% increase. At this point our total yearly debt payment will have reached in excess of the \$1,100,000 mark and could account for about 18% of the entire town budget.

The \$200,000 Stabilization Fund, as of April 1972, will have earned \$19,431.00 in interest from investments. A request for an additional \$100,000 will be made at the annual Town Meeting to continue the expansion of this fund for future construction of town buildings — other than schools.

The Data Processing system installed in 1970 has proven quite successful. A recommendation will be made at the annual Town Meeting to discontinue the use of the present equipment at the Town Hall and process future work on the Data Processing equipment presently being used at the Senior High School. This should effect a substantial reduction in the Data Processing budget for 1972.

Year	Bonded Amount	Indebtedness % of Valuation
1971	\$6,791,000	4.6
1970	2,121,000	1.5*
1969	2,065,000	4.8
1968	2,394,000	5.8
1967	2,114,000	5.5
1966	2,304,000	6.4
1965	2,634,000	7.6
1964	2,949,000	8.8
1963	2,974,000	9.1
1962	3,024,000	9.8
1961	3,184,000	10.4
1960	2,929,000	9.8

*Revaluation

Town Collector

	Committed and Refunds	Collected	Abated	Out- standing 1-1-1972
TAXES:				
LEVY OF 1971				
Real Estate	5,181,582.67			
Refunds	11,706.87	4,703,200.48	113,666.58	
Tax Titles			5,100.45	371,322.03
Previous Years	361,899.02			
Refunds	47,221.88	305,798.66	57,872.86	
Tax Titles			4,667.11	40,782.27
PERSONAL PROPERTY	270,074.10			
Refunds	44.40	247,401.45	6,096.31	16,620.74
Previous Years	25,809.54			
Refunds	20,158.32	9,943.09	28,634.47	7,390.30
MOTOR VEHICLES	633,654.04			
Refunds	8,673.19	479,638.10	66,924.18	95,764.95
Previous Years	184,742.12			
Refunds	3,920.05	115,864.45	20,354.33	52,443.39
WATER:				
Rates	249,219.90	220,876.48	*13,343.05	
			184.84	14,815.53
Miscellaneous Billings	6,047.51			
Refunds	21.00	2,827.48	22.00	3,219.03
Water Liens				
Added to 1971 Taxes	13,343.05			
Refunds	238.16	11,626.92		
Tax Titles			226.97	1,727.32
Previous Years	3,278.94			
Refunds	150.63	2,744.06		
Tax Titles			257.64	427.87
Water Connections	9,090.00			
Refunds	2,234.16	9,090.00	2,234.16	
DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS:				
Sewer Connections	21,595.00	21,595.00		
Sewer Accounts Receivable	10,360.00			
Refunds	45.00	3,170.00	180.00	7,055.00
Highway	428.70	251.50		177.20
School	696.00	591.00		105.00
Veteran's	35,146.90	34,919.75	227.15	
Health	2,310.00	2,310.00		
Leins	510.00	510.00		
BETTERMENTS:				
Apportioned Sewer				
Added to 1971 Taxes	1,457.10	1,319.80		137.30
Previous Years	347.01			
Refunds	78.82	370.70		55.13
Apportioned Sidewalk				
Added to 1971 Taxes	15.00	15.00		
Committed Interest				
Added to 1971 Taxes	607.45	541.28		66.17
Previous Years	140.38			
Refunds	41.57	156.71		25.24

*Deferred Revenue

Board of Assessors

The following statistics show the residential and commercial growth in the Town of Agawam for the year 1971:

Residential Homes	189	\$4,000,000
Residential Additions and Remodeling	107	230,000
Multiple Dwellings	12	350,000
Swimming Pools	17	38,000
Commercial and Industrial (Including apartments)	8	500,000
Commercial Additions and Remodeling	19	300,000
Exempt Property (Includes Junior High School and St. John the Evangelist Parish Center)	4	4,700,000

In carefully analyzing the above statistics one can readily see that our business and industrial growth has not kept pace with our residential growth. Thus, unless this trend changes, the major tax burden will fall on the homeowners who can least afford to pay tax increases.

The year 1971 broke three records in the Assessors' Office. They are as follows:

1. Greatest residential construction in recent years.
2. Highest valuation in the history of the town.
3. Greatest number of new parcels to be assessed.

The Board of Assessors feel that unless some controls are forthcoming on the high residential construction in Agawam, and unless some incentives are made to attract business growth, increased taxes are inevitable.

During 1971 the Massachusetts General Court passed legislation that will further benefit the elderly and certain disabled veterans as follows:

Chapter 1069 of the Acts of 1971 amends Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 41 (the so-called exemption to the elderly) by increasing the total worth of a single person \$30,000 to \$40,000 and the total worth of a husband and wife from \$35,000 to \$45,000. No change was made in the total earnings allowed. That remains at \$6,000 for a single person and \$7,000 for a husband and wife.

Chapter 1110 of the Acts of 1971 amends Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 17 (the so-called widows clause) Clauses 22 through 22 D (the Veterans Clause) Clause 42 (Widow of a Police Officer or Firefighter killed in the line of duty) and Clause 43 (minor children of a Police Officer or Firefighter killed in the line of duty) to read as follows: An exemption in the amount of \$2,000 in valuation or an exemption of \$175 whichever would result in an abatement of the greater amount of actual taxes due. An exemption in the amount of \$4,000 or an exemption of \$350 whichever would be greater, an exemption on \$8,000 in value or \$700 in taxes whichever is greater, an exemption in value or \$10,000 in value or \$875 in taxes whichever is greater.

The above act was passed to provide an equalized and fair exemption whether or not a City or Town had complied with State statute in placing full and fair cash values on property. This will affect some 300 veterans.

Chapter 895 of the Acts of 1971 amends Chapter 58 and Chapter 59 of the General Laws and provides that the Commissioner shall conduct schools for Assessors throughout the Commonwealth and that Assessors shall attend these schools. (These schools will be for a period of six weeks.)

Development and Industrial Commission

During the year, the following businesses have either been established in Agawam, expanded or modernized: Zayre Dept. Store, Agawam Public Market, Crestview Country Club, Chez Josef, Getty Oil, Hergenbergs, St. John's Parish Center, Robert Chase, Allan Lawnmower, Solitario, Tennessee Gas Transmission Co., Cocomo, Tortoriello, R & S Associates, R. Berthiaume, Hampden Fence & Iron Works, Inc., Gino Rossi and F. L. Roberts.

Members of the commission are Carlo F. Bonavita, who serves as chairman; David M. Marshall, vice-chairman; Santo Cannarella, secretary; David C. Gallano, Frank Chriscola, Jr., Anthony Egnatowich and Edward W. Schmidt. The commission has met eleven times this past year.

As we must meet new conditions and growing competition with new methods of financing, the members of the Development and Industrial Commission have met this past year with representatives from the State Department of Commerce and Development for the purpose of establishing an Industrial Finance Authority in the Town of Agawam. The general purpose of this authority is to provide financing and industrial development projects and to attract new industry and expand the present industry in town. The selectmen have inserted an article in the town warrant to be approved by the town meeting to appoint the FIDC to work with the organization of the State Department of Commerce on the financing of local industrial plants.

The Western Mass. Electric Company has plans to build a large power plant in Industrial Park in the near future and assessment of property is being made. The commission has met with the Western Mass. Electric Company and discussion has been made as to the proposed sewer line and roads. The Industrial Commission has worked closely with the Board of Selectmen to obtain right-of-ways through property owned by the Western Mass. Electric Company for the new interceptor sewer to serve all of Feeding Hills.

Any one who would like to contribute toward the economic development of Agawam, may contact any of the members of the Development and Industrial Commission.

Department of Public Works

The reconstruction of Suffield Street and the South Main Street sewer were the highlights for this department in 1971. These projects necessitated five years of planning to become a reality.

The purchase of the former Hampden Fence building at 1347 Main Street has made a vast improvement in our operations. We do need more land adjacent to this building and we plan to insert an article in the Town Meeting Warrant for 1972 to acquire this land which should take care of our needs for years to come.

There has been several meetings regarding the proposed interceptor sewer which was passed at the 1970 Town Meeting and the contract for a portion of this sewer should be negotiated this winter.

The following work was accomplished by the individual sections of our department:

ADMINISTRATION:

The Public Works office handles all clerical work and processes approximately 5600 water bills. The water bills are made out by the Data Processing Department but all the preparation and reading of meters are done in this office.

HIGHWAY SECTION:

The following streets were resurfaced: Central Street, Francis Street, Norman Terrace Ext., Northwood Street, Oak Lane and Perry Lane.

Chapter 90 Maintenance: The following streets were resurfaced with joint Chapter 90 funds and town funds: Springfield Street — O'Brien's Corner to Line Street. Southwick Street — Carmel Lane westerly 1600 feet. North West Street — Southwick Street northerly 1 mile. North Westfield Street — Springfield Street northerly 1 mile. South Westfield Street — Springfield Street to Shoemaker Lane.

Chapter 90 Construction: Suffield Street was reconstructed from Rt. 57 to Silver Street by contract to Lawler Construction Company. The sidewalk was also constructed for some distance under this program. The town resurfaced Suffield Street from Silver Street to Crompton Knowles, along with drainage and other cleanup work. As soon as more funds are available, Suffield Street will be constructed from Silver Street to the Connecticut Line. Street signs, street markers and line markers were done throughout the town. Several feet of asphalt curbing was installed throughout the town to correct drainage problems.

WATER SECTION:

The following water lines were installed: Garden Street, 1600' of 12" cement lined cast iron pipe; North Street, 1000' of 8"; Cosgrove Street, 1200' of 8"; James Street, 200' of 6"; Oak Street, 500' of 6"; several mains and hydrants were relocated on Suffield Street in conjunction with the reconstruction work.

Fifty-eight water connections were made and twenty-six lines renewed. Twenty water breaks were repaired and the water crew responded to 333 miscellaneous water orders. The water commitment for 1971 amounted to \$236,971.84.

Water Meter Section: A meter room has been set up in our public works building where meters are repaired, painted and tested to be put back in use. This section reads and checks all meters. Approximately 150 meters were installed and 75 meters repaired.

Sewer Section: The South Main Street sewer was completed by Bruschi Brothers to service South Main Street, Kanawaha Avenue, Riverview Avenue, Sunnyslope Avenue, Ruskin Avenue and Veranda Avenue. The 8" sanitary sewer on Meadow Avenue was installed by D.P.W. forces. 600' of 8" sewer was installed on Cosgrove Avenue. 300' or 12" storm drain was installed at the intersection of Silver and Suffield Streets with two catch basins. 200' of 12" storm drain was installed on Willard Avenue with two catch basins. Catch basins were installed in problem areas on Memorial Drive, Perry Lane, Southwick Street and Silver Street. Sewer lines were cleaned with a special sewer cleaner in problem areas throughout the town.

Rubbish: The department sponsored special summer pickups along with its Spring and Fall pickups. A study is now being made to improve the rubbish collection program.

Sidewalks: A sidewalk was installed on Suffield Street from Route 57 to Silver Street. Funds were appropriated for this project at an earlier town meeting. The department installed small sections of sidewalk on Springfield Street, South Street and Line Street. These walks were brought about by studies and complaints received by the Sidewalk and Safety Committee. The department plows approximately 30 miles of sidewalk on the main streets for school children who walk to school.

Snow Removal: We are always endeavoring to improve our snow plowing operations. With the addition of many new streets we have had to rearrange some of our plowing sections. The type of snow storms we have had for the past two years have been difficult to cope with. It has been snow, sleet and freezing rain combined and this sticks and freezes to the highway. This is harder to remove than just snow because it takes salt and sand to remove it. We have also had to use our grader and loader to remove the ice.

Equipment: The 1971 Town Meeting authorized the purchase of three new trucks for our department. Most of our equipment is in good condition and we replace the older ones when they become obsolete.

Garbage: The garbage collection is still under contract to Mr. Paul D'Amato. This contract expires December 31, 1973.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

During nearly all of 1971, the Engineering Department continued to operate with a full time staff of five employees. A part-time inspector was again employed

to oversee the installation of utilities, roadways and sidewalks in the numerous subdivisions. In December an additional employee was obtained for the survey party through the Emergency Employment Act.

All engineering design and construction layout was performed by this department for all projects undertaken by the various sections of the Department of Public Works. In addition, contracts and plans were prepared for the traffic signals at Suffield, Cooper and Rowley Streets and the traffic signal controller at O'Brien's Corner.

The Engineering Department completed plans and applications which were submitted by the Board of Selectmen to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for aid for a sanitary sewer system serving the North Street - Deep Gutter Area and for participation in the Federal Flood Insurance Program. A plan and application was also prepared for submittal to the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for a school zone installation at Peirce School.

This department provided many town departments and committees with engineering information and assistance during 1971 including the Housing Authority, Sidewalk and Safety Committee, Business and Industrial Development Commission, Conservation Commission and School Department. Among the major services performed were a survey and plan of the Cote property acquired by the Conservation Commission, surveys and plans of land off Line Street and Oxford Street for the School Department and a site plan of the Town Hall property for the Police Building Committee.

In addition, surveys were made and plans drawn for the acceptance as town streets of Belmont Avenue, Old Mill Road, Holland Drive, Wilbert Terrace, Cosgrove Street, Fox Farms Road and Willard Avenue. Concrete bounds were set to define the layouts of Belmont Avenue, Willard Avenue and Wilbert Terrace as these streets had not been previously monumented.

The Engineering Department also assists the Planning Board. It reviews all subdivision plans, prepares bond estimates and bond agreements to insure the installation of improvements in the subdivisions and oversees the installation of these improvements. During 1971, 3,250 feet of roadway, 10,500 feet of sidewalks, 13,100 feet of sanitary sewer, 10,800 feet of water mains and 8,200 feet of storm drains were installed in various subdivisions throughout the town with the work being inspected by this department.

Finally, engineering information was given to the general public throughout the year concerning such matters as sewer depths and locations, street numbers and street line location. The Engineering Department also makes both zoning and street maps of the town which are available to the public.

As Superintendent of Public Works, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the personnel of my department for our accomplishments, also the Board of Selectmen and all other department heads and the townspeople for their fine cooperation during the past year.

Police Department

I hereby submit the Police Department's annual report for the year 1971.

May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Police Commissioners, and heads and members of our other community services for their excellent cooperation so that we could better serve our community.

To the Jaycees who led the drive for our new ambulance and other individuals and fine clubs and organizations who assisted them, thank you for allowing us to continue this most worthwhile service free of charge.

As in the past, your municipal interest has allowed members of your Police Department to present programs and lectures on Safety, Drugs, and related Police Services in your schools and to other civic and business groups. We sincerely appreciate your asking and hopefully anticipate your future requests.

Our town is rapidly increasing in population and we are grateful that our request of additional men was honored. Sgt. Chriscola and Off. Renwick Kane have retired. Alfred Longhi and Stanley Chmielewski were promoted to Sergeants. Off. Benjamin Moore was assigned as a replacement. Richard Knight, Daniel Ciak, Clifford Lamson, James Lewis and David White are the new Patrolmen and all but Off. Ciak has attended and graduated from the Springfield Police Academy. Off. Ciak will attend the Westfield Police Academy in March of 1972.

In the short time since the Incentive Education Program was adopted by the town, police officers have shown their desire to take advantage of participating in it by increasing the number from five men to well over twelve men. It is a step of progress that will be of mutual benefit to our personnel as well as the townspeople.

This is the tenth annual report that I have submitted, therefore, I am using a five year sequence starting with my first report of 1962 to indicate the workload increase of this department which should be of great interest and concern to the townspeople.

We feel that our appeal for your cooperation with the police by reporting suspicious persons or motor vehicles has been effective for we are averaging fifty of these reports a week. Three cases having led to the direct arrest of persons breaking into your neighbors' homes and in other instances has assisted us in recovering stolen property. If fifty people each week are that concerned about strangers in your neighborhood and take the time to call us, won't you become involved so that our "Good Neighbor Policy" will be more effective and the following report will not be as shocking next year? Not all calls are this productive but we would rather check out one hundred non-productive ones than NOT have received any.

	1962	1967	1971
Rape	1	0	3
Robbery	2	4	14
Assault and Battery	12	33	98
Breaking and Entering and Larceny	85	158	437
Residences	(33)	(50)	(239)
Businesses	(52)	(108)	(198)

	1962	1967	1971
Larcenies	233	316	510
General	(47)	(99)	(131)
From Motor Vehicles	(43)	(55)	(81)
Bicycles	(23)	(39)	(82)
Parts and Accessories	(73)	(63)	(148)
From Buildings	(47)	(60)	(68)
Larceny Motor Vehicles	28	67	227
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles for Other Departments	21	25	88
Drugs	0	1	26
Suspicious Persons/Motor Vehicles	0	134	553
Malicious Damage Breakdown	163	243	292
General		(79)	(107)
Residence		(49)	(44)
Businesses		(38)	(52)
Motor Vehicles		(77)	(89)
Recorded Complaints	1,491	2,754	4,930
Accidents	186	300	347
Fatales	(3)	(2)	(4)
Property	(64)	(142)	(236)
Personal	(119)	(156)	(107)
Recovered Property	\$27,118	\$82,972	\$212,128
Ambulance			\$380
Medical Cruisers			\$370

The crimes of violence against the person—Rape/Robbery/Assault and Battery reflect the trend of our present day way of life, the increasing disregard of personal rights of others.

The crimes of violence against property — Breaking and Entering/Larcenies are on the increase but there is one pattern developing which shows the average citizen again being made the brunt of the invasion of privacy and rights in our homes.

INTERESTING NOTES

As of ten years ago and even five years ago Breaking and Entering and Larceny was occurring against business places at the rate of almost two to one as opposed to private residences. This year's report shows that individual homes are now the prime target by a four to three ratio.

For the most part larcenies did remain stable from 1962 to 1967 but 1971 indicates substantial increases doubling in some instances.

Stolen Motor Vehicles are continuing their increase but we are hopeful that we will be able to show a better recovery rate than in the past with the advent of the Law Enforcement Assistance Program and the extended use and cooperation of Police Computers Systems.

Drugs — Our town is showing an increase which is part of the National trend. In order to overcome public apathy and the desire NOT to become involved, we, in addition to our normal drugs program, have obtained a test kit which is available at our station, that can give an immediate indication as to whether or not suspect

materials are in fact drugs. This hopefully will encourage more concerned parents to partake of this segment of our drug program. This is another free service we are offering to our townspeople and can be accomplished quickly and privately within our own quarters.

At least eight persons are **assaulted** each month within our town.

Medical transports — ambulance and cruiser services were called for on over 750 occasions which represents a saving of out-of-pocket expenses to individuals of an estimated \$14,000 equalling two-thirds the cost of the town ambulance

Business checks made at the 562 registered establishments amounted to over 410,000 actual buildings being checked.

Private homes — requested vacancy checks — the 373 individual homes were checked over 5,300 times.

In spite of these routine patrol services made, **business places** were broken into at a rate of an average of one every other day. **Private homes** were illegally entered and losses sustained at the average of five out of every seven days.

The **patrol mileage** accumulated by the department's five vehicles amounted to over 357,000 miles even though there are only slightly over 100 miles of paved town streets in a 23 square mile area.

Lost or stolen goods and items were **recovered** to the **value** of \$212,000 or about one-half the total Police Department budget.

ACCIDENTS

I am pleased to call to your attention that accidents decreased almost 20% from 410 in 1970 to 347 in 1971. This achievement in our opinion, although relating the effect of recently enacted "No Fault" Insurance was also aided by our own radar and selective enforcement program and the awareness of our townspeople.

INTERESTING NOTES

Of our 347 accidnts	4 were fatals 106 personal injury 237 property
Lowest accident months were	July and August — each with 18
Highest accident month was	January with 53
Accident-free days	March on Tuesdays August on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays September on Fridays
Highest accident days were	January on Friday with 14 November on Monday with 12

Highest accident by day-hours

5 – 6 P.M. with total of 30
3 – 4 P.M. with total of 25

Thursdays leading with 9
Fridays leading with 7
Mondays with 6
Wednesdays with 6
Thursdays with 6

7 – 8 P.M. with total of 25

Thursdays leading with 8
Fridays with 6
Saturdays with 5

4 – 5 P.M. with total of 24

Mondays leading with 6
Saturdays with 6
Sundays — None
Tuesdays — none

Lowest day/hours

3 – 4 A.M. with total of 1

Sundays highest with 1

4 – 5 A.M. with total of 3

Mondays highest with 2
Sundays with 1

5 – 6 A.M. with total of 4

Mondays highest with 2
Wednesdays with 1
Fridays with 1

6 – 7 A.M. with total of 5

Mondays highest with 3
Tuesdays with 2

10 – 11 A.M. with total of 6

Wednesdays and Saturdays highest with 2
Tuesdays with 1
Fridays with 1

Day accidents from best to worst

Sundays	32	Tuesdays	39	Saturdays	64
Wednesdays	34	Mondays	46	Fridays	71
		Thursdays	48		

All four fatal accidents involved male drivers

2 occurred between 1 – 3 A.M.

2 occurred between 8 – 10 P.M.

Almost twice as many males over 25 (291) were involved in accidents as those under 25 (151).

Females maintained the same proportion over 25 (104); under 25 (48).

Males were involved in accidents at three times the rate of women — 442 to 152.

May I once again express the thanks of your Police Department to our citizens and others who are actively concerned for their splendid cooperation in striving to make our town a better place in which to work, play and live.

Safety Officer

I am especially pleased to report the events of 1971 to the citizens of Agawam for it was a good year for the town in SAFETY.

In 1971, a dual program was implemented in our schools concerning SAFETY and a child's relationship with a police officer. We feel that if our children understand the role of a policeman, in our community, they will respond better to his efforts to keep the child safe. Our School Bus Patrol consisting of sixty-five students had another fine year with tours of Westover Air Force Base and ten members making the annual trip to Washington, D.C. I wish to thank the groups that were so kind in making these trips possible.

The Halloween program this year, was an outstanding community effort by many groups and unselfish individuals. I could not begin to list everyone, but our high school students did a fine job and should be commended. We should be very proud of all our children that they had confidence in all of us involved to reward us with a three day Halloween without accident or vandalism.

This year we were able to replace all outdated street lighting, plus putting lights on several new streets. Next year we look forward to continuing our new program of lighting street without lights.

The Parking Ordinances were put into effect this year decongesting many problem areas.

Through the efforts of our state representative, we have received permission to erect flashing "SCHOOL ZONE" signs. These are reimbursed one hundred per cent by the state. The first of these will be put into use at the Peirce School this spring.

Perhaps the most outstanding SAFETY item this year is our drastic reduction in motor vehicle accidents of more than twenty per cent. There are various reasons for such a dramatic decline in accidents, but one that should not go without mention is the sincere effort that the uniformed men of our Police Department have made to keep our streets safe. Though there has been criticism of our intense RADAR program, the statistics show the results.

Police Station Building Committee

The Police Station Building Committee was appointed on May 17, 1971 to plan for a new police station for the Town of Agawam. The present police station is over twenty-five years old and the facilities are no longer adequate for the department and for the rapid growth of the town.

This committee has done much research through the FBI and with towns throughout the country of our approximate size that have recently constructed new police facilities. We have notified our Congressman to look into federal funding.

After talking with many townspeople and many of our town officials, it was voted unanimously to construct our new police facility on property already owned by the town which is located behind the present Administration Building. In making this decision the committee took into consideration the cost of land purchase.

After interviewing several architects the committee selected Reinhardt Associates, Inc. At the special town meeting of November 12, 1971 the committee was authorized \$15,000 for preliminary planning. We have been meeting with the Police Chief to discuss plans.

We would like to thank the many town departments that have been most cooperative in furnishing information and we would appreciate continued cooperation in support of our efforts at the town meeting.

Fire Department

I hereby respectfully submit the report of the Agawam Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1971. This report includes the organization, apparatus, number of alarms and recommendations for the coming year and such other information as may be of interest.

ORGANIZATION

At the end of the year the personnel of the department consisted of forty-one members. Chief, Mechanics, Inspector, four Lieutenants and thirty-five Firefighters. Two new members were added, Fred Harpin and Gary Schneider, after approval from Civil Service. Donald Creamer was appointed to replace Schneider while he is in the service. Matthew Blackak retired after fifteen years service and he shall be remembered as a fine fireman and a very good friend to all.

APPARATUS

1 — 1930 International	1 — 1946 LaFrance	1 — 1954 Ford (Seagrave)
1 — 1948 Seagrave	1 — 1966 Maxim	1 — 1967 Chev. Wagon
1 — 1949 Seagrave	1 — 1970 Buick	1 — 1969 Maxim Ladder

FIRE SCHOOL

The following named firefighters have attained credits through the Fire Science Course at the Springfield Technical Community College. The Town of Agawam should be very proud of these men for their initiative to obtain greater knowledge in order to enhance their ability to perform their fire duties in a more efficient manner.

William Barker	7	Donald Curran	9	Ben McCullough	6
Kenneth Blair	20	Robert Edmunds	31	William Parent	6
Edward Bobecki	6	Russell Jenks	30	Raymond Pond	10
Noel Brown	28	Douglas Kerr	12	Charles Stowers	15
David Cesan	15	Edward Lancour	3		

FIRE ALARMS

The department responded to 396 alarms and these alarms are divided into the following categories:

Buildings	122	Motor Vehicles	67
Grass and Brush	165	False Alarms	8
Emergency Calls	10	Needless	24

TOTAL RUNS MADE BY EACH STATION

North Agawam Station #1	169	Feeding Hills Station #2	172
Agawam Center Station #3	159		

VALUATION AND LOSSES FROM FIRES OVER \$100.00

Total valuation of buildings where fires occurred	\$2,134,200.00
Total loss on buildings and contents	435,329.00
Total amount of insurance collected on losses	87,014.00
Total of loss on motor vehicles	45,481.00
Total valuation of motor vehicles where fires occurred	45,481.00
Total amount of insurance collected on motor vehicles	12,106.00

ARTICLES FOR THE WARRANT

1. To see if the town will vote to purchase a new 1,000 gallon pumper.
2. To see if the town will vote to purchase a new Station Wagon.
3. To see if the town will vote to repair Station #3 Agawam.
4. To see if the town will vote to add six (6) additional Firefighters.
5. To see if the town will vote to repair heating system in Station #3.
6. To see if the town will vote to appoint a Deputy Chief.
7. To see if the town will vote to approve two days personnel leave.
8. To see if the town will vote to approve Fire Science Monies.
9. To see if the town will vote to allow Union Business leave.
10. To see if the town will vote to increase the uniform allowance monies.

FIRE INSPECTORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1971

The following inspections were performed and permits were granted to store or use.

Oil Burners	54	Flammable Gases	12
L.P. Gas	5	Flammable Liquids	14
Gasoline Storage	12	Gunpowder	9
Model Rockets	9	Blasting Permits	5

TOTAL PERMITS GRANTED — 127

Inspections performed in business	708	Rest Homes	11
School Inspections	36	Complaints investigated	52
School Fire Drills	48	Fires required investigations	93

To the various town officials and members of their departments who have always cooperated with us in every way whenever necessary, I extend my thanks.

I wish to thank Police Chief Grady and all his members for their help and cooperation at every fire.

To the members of my department, I extend my thanks for their contribution in making this such a successful department and I am very proud of the hard work they are doing to obtain greater knowledge in Fire Science.

Town Beautification Committee

The fifteen member Town Beautification Committee was created at the 1970 town meeting.

This past year with John Stone serving as chairman, the committee had the slogan CLEAN-UP, FIX-UP, BEAUTIFY AGAWAM placed on the town hall stamp machine so that all correspondence originating there will bear our message.

To involve business with our aim of town beautification the committee members sent over 250 letters to local businesses asking their support and notifying them that our committee planned to commend those businesses which have made an outstanding contribution to the environment of Agawam. Responding businesses were eligible and ALL were visited by the committee on a Sunday in September. In October the first annual Awards Presentation was held at the Captain Charles Leonard House with the selectmen, other town officials, committee members and representatives of the winning businesses in attendance. Receiving the 1971 Town Beautification Awards in the following categories were:



The corner of Suffield Street and Springfield Street at the First National lot was selected as the location of the committee's project for 1971. The members felt that the site would be one frequently passed by the majority of our residents as it is at an entrance to town. Planting was completed in time for the opening of the Eastern States Exposition.

The hope of the committee, which has already reviewed many areas, is to continue with similar projects annually throughout the town.

Large Manufacturing	—	Stacy Machine
Small Manufacturing	—	Bay State Film
Banks	tie —	Westfield Savings
	—	Springfield Institution for Savings
Dining	tie —	Betty's Restaurant
	—	Betty's Old Towne House
Small Retail	—	Country Squire
Service Station	—	Gastown — River Road
Professional Business	—	Robert Hall
Miscellaneous	—	Heritage House
	—	Conrad Fafard Inc.
SPECIAL		
Neatness	—	Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co.
Conservation and Ecology	—	WWLP

No awards were presented in the categories of large retail or real estate.

Conservation Commission

During the year the commission held eight meetings for the conduct of regular business. The commission also met on other occasions to study specific problems.

Representatives were present at meetings of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board and Board of Appeals when hearings of concern were held. We also met with engineering firms representing developers, and with the firm conducting the study of the impact of the Route 57 extension on the town's environment. Several citizen complaints were studied and information and recommendations were submitted to the proper authority.

This year we instituted active participation in the Western Massachusetts District of Conservation Commissions, and joined in supporting stronger legislation for environmental protection.

The campership program was conducted again. Two Agawam youths were given scholarships to the Junior Conservation Camp at Spencer, Massachusetts. We are very pleased that, once again, the boys from Agawam were outstanding in their performance.

The outstanding achievement of the year was the acceptance of a 14 acre tract of land donated by Mr. O. R. Cote. This land will be developed as a natural site, not only as a wildlife preserve, but an area where the people of the town may find rest and recreation in a natural setting. We of the commission wish to extend our appreciation to the Town Counsel and the Engineering Department for their assistance in this project.

During the closing weeks of the year, the commission formulated a Zoning By-Law designed to supplement state legislation in the control of the development of wetland areas in the town. This new plan will be submitted to the annual town meeting in March. Hopefully, it will be accepted.

Building Department

I hereby submit the annual report of the Town Building Department for the year 1971. Again this year, not in harmony with the general decrease of construction, Agawam's construction increased some six million dollars over 1970.

Year	Construction Value
1969	\$ 3,492,175
1970	5,206,772
1971	11,382,034

Summary for 1971:

201 Dwellings	\$ 3,730,500
24 Garages	41,120
18 Businesses	2,569,750
74 Additions and Alterations	299,294
39 Miscellaneous (New School)	4,751,320
47 Demolish	—

404 Total Permits

Major Projects were:

Zayre's Addition	\$ 50,000
St. John's Parish Center	461,000
Junior High School	4,183,100
Heritage Hall Rest Home Addition	110,000
7-11 Grocery	36,000
Corey Street Apartments	2,250,000
Gino's Package Store Addition	45,000
Dairy Mart	50,000

House construction has taken a lead over commercial. This was caused by Federal Subsidized Housing (Program 235) which encouraged builders to build low and moderate houses.

Year	Residence	Business
1968	71%	29%
1969	51%	49%
1970	37%	63%
1971	52%	48%

The work load in the Building Department continues to increase. We are hoping this year that the town will employ assistance in making our inspections to insure safety for the residents of our town.

To all residents we again advise you to call the Building Department, 786-0400, for all required inspections. Our main interest is the safety of you and your family in your use of buildings in Agawam.

This year our state has passed a revision of the "Minimum Standard" for construction in Massachusetts.

Courses have been held at the University of Massachusetts and Holy Cross College to alert inspectors of the new regulations and methods of inspections which we have been attending.

We are proud to say the Master Card system which we instituted three years ago fits in well with the state's new programs.

The fee system which started in 1969 now carries approximately 75% of our department cost.

1971 Department Cost	\$26,535
1971 Fees Collected	20,154
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Actual department cost to town	\$ 5,381

PLUMBING

In 1971 the Plumbing Inspectors made a total of 1000 inspections. Six hundred and fifty-six applications were processed: 447 for plumbing permits, 35 for sewer permits, 174 for gas permits.

Our rules regulating plumbing and gas installation still originate in the State House and are handed down to towns and cities for enforcement by the local authority.

ELECTRICAL

During 1971 the Electrical Inspectors made 1140 inspections and processed 591 permits to do wiring. They also enforced correction where unlicensed men were doing wiring.

Planning Board

Albert J. Bonavita, chairman of the Agawam Planning Board would like to take this opportunity to thank the fellow members of the board for their dedicated and sincere effort in performing their duties as Planning Board members.

The board held forty-two meetings and processed forty-three Form A applications and six Form B applications for new sub-divisions.

There were five zoning by-law amendments passed by town meeting. Also passed were two requests for Residence B zone changes; one A-3 change for apartments; two zone changes to Residence A-2 and three zone changes to Business A. We are currently processing nine articles for the 1972 Town Meeting.

The Planning Board has continued its policy of periodic field trips with the Engineering Department, Building Inspector and the Board of Appeals.

The board feels that the policy of complete cooperation and exchange of information between the Planning Board, Building Inspector, Health Agent, Engineering Department and Department of Public Works has proved invaluable to better understand the problems of our town.

Housing Authority

During 1971 the remaining three wood clapboard buildings at J. J. Brady Village were re-sided with solid vinyl. Cornices, doors and window casing were covered with white aluminum and the remaining exterior trim was painted. This completes a six year schedule to re-side ten of the twelve buildings.

The Town of Agawam was paid \$1,584.00 in lieu of taxes.

There are forty-four units at Brady Village for veterans and families of veterans. Admission and occupancy limits as set by the Department of Community Affairs are as follows:

Minor Dependents	Admission Limit	Continued Occupancy
One or Less	\$4,500.00	\$5,000.00
Two	\$4,700.00	\$5,200.00
*Three or More	\$4,900.00	\$5,400.00

*In computing rents the Department of Community Affairs has given permission for a \$200 deduction from total family income for each minor dependent in excess of three.

Six vacancies were filled during the year from applications on file.

During 1971 the exterior trim on all buildings at Country View were painted.

There are forty units at Country View Elderly Housing which is located at 95 North Westfield Street and fifty-two units at Colonial Haven Elderly Housing which is located at 886 Main Street. Nine vacancies were filled during the year from applications on file.

Admission and extended occupancy limits for elderly housing as set by the Department of Community Affairs are as follows:

	Admission Limits	Continued Occupancy Limits
Single Individual	\$2,500.00 per year	\$3,125.00 per year
Couples	\$3,000.00 per year	\$3,750.00 per year

The above refers to income from all sources.

This authority is in the process of proposing a third Elderly Housing Project for the Town of Agawam. As soon as it is approved by the Department of Community Affairs we hope to be able to proceed with this endeavor.

Following are the financial statements for Projects 200-C (Veterans) and Projects 667-1 and 667-2 (Elderly) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1971:

J. J. BRADY VILLAGE APARTMENTS VETERANS PROJECT #200-C

INCOME:

Dwelling Rent Income	\$ 40,188.66
Miscellaneous Income	1,987.61
Commonwealth Contribution	11,775.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 53,951.27

EXPENSES:

Administrative	\$ 1,827.20
Other Administrative Expense	727.66
Compensation to Authority Members	876.20
Accounting Services	244.80
Utilities — Water	1,049.04
Utilities — Electricity	552.57
Utilities — Gas	8,955.81
Personal Services, R. M. & R.	5,276.78
Materials and Supplies, R. M. & R.	1,649.58
Contractual Services, R. M. & R.	1,353.46
Insurance Expense	973.87
Contribution to Pension Fund	538.88
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,584.00
Provision for Operating Reserve	3,696.00
Debt Service Requirement	16,341.20

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 45,647.05
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NET INCOME AFTER SUBSIDY	\$ 8,304.22
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COUNTRY VIEW and COLONIAL HAVEN APARTMENTS
ELDERLY PROJECTS #667-C

INCOME:

Dwelling Rent Income	\$ 53,064.00
Miscellaneous Income	3,311.72
Commonwealth Contribution	47,240.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$103,615.72
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EXPENSES:

Administrative	\$ 3,882.80
Other Administrative Expense	1,981.73
Accounting Services	520.20
Utilities — Water	1,022.30
Utilities — Electricity	20,718.15
Personal Services, R. M. & R.	11,548.63
Materials and Supplies, R. M. & R.	925.14
Contractual Services, R. M. & R.	1,794.83
Insurance Expense	2,399.61
Contribution to Pension Fund	1,145.12
Provision for Operating Reserve	4,416.00
Provision for Debt Service Reserve	3,883.00
Debt Service Requirement	75,000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$129,237.51
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NET INCOME AFTER SUBSIDY	—\$ 25,621.79
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Department of Weights and Measures

I herewith submit to you the annual report of the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1971.

WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES

Adjusted	146
Sealed	943
Not Sealed	45
Condemned	25
Total	1159

TRIAL WEIGHINGS AND MEASUREMENTS OF COMMODITIES SOLD OR PUT UP FOR SALE

Number Corrected	2014
Number Under the Stated Markings	314
Number Over the Stated Package Markings	200
Total Number Tested	2528

OTHER INSPECTIONS

Peddler's Licenses	14
Oil Certificates	36
Marking of Food Packages	2398
Marking of Bread	31
Transient Vendors	1
Clinical Thermometers	398
Glass Graduates	34
Weights Certification (manufactured parts)	17
Cash Register Inspections (no. of stores)	32
Total Inspections	2961

INSPECTORS WORK SUMMARY

Devices Sealed, Adjusted, Condemned	1159
Trial Weighings and Measurements	2528
Inspections	2961
Total	6648

SEALING FEES COLLECTED & TURNED INTO THE TOWN TREASURER \$1046.80

There was considerable commercial growth in our town this year. Not only did the Southgate Shopping Center open, but we also had several other retail outlets open throughout the town. Many of our gasoline service stations were renovated with extra storage provided for unleaded gasoline. This influx in retail business reflects a substantial increase in the work of this department.

New legislation under weights and measures enforcement provides that whoever maintains a cash register or other mechanical device at a counter for totaling

customer purchases at retail be so positioned that the customer may observe his sales being totaled.

Unit pricing also became a reality. Although it is not within the scope of the sealers enforcement on the method of label that is placed upon the store shelf, it is within the sealers jurisdiction if the selling price is misquoted on a product sold by weight and measure. In other words, if the product on the shelf is marked higher than quoted in the unit price label, end display, or other advertisement, it is within the sealers jurisdiction to prevent this type of marking.

To bring about uniformity with other states on packaging and labeling the Director of Standards adopted the Model State Packaging and Labeling Regulations as adopted by the 1971 National Conference on Weights and Measures. This replaces the rules and regulations that were heretofore promulgated by the Massachusetts Directors of Standards.

We received national recognition at the National Conference on Weights and Measures, when on behalf of the Massachusetts Weights and Measures Association, I made a major amendment to the proposed Model State Weights and Measures Laws. After considerable discussion the amendment was unanimously adopted.

Massachusetts Attorney General Robert H. Quinn and the Massachusetts Consumers' Council have urged establishment of local Consumer Commissions. Therefore, an article was submitted to the Board of Selectmen for insertion in our Annual Town Warrant requesting a By-Law to establish a five member Consumer Advisory Commission.

Civil Defense

The program of maintenance and repair of all the two-way radio equipment in the C.D. network was continued during the past year to the extent of available funds. It has been the goal of this agency to have a portable unit available for each public building in town that could be used as a shelter or aid station in the event of emergency.

Efforts have continued to repair or replace two damaged sirens, of the thirteen that comprise our C.D. warning system.

Additional, favorable experience has been accumulated with the "repeater" system of two-way radio contact with and among mobile units. Although this system requires the installation of a centrally-located transceiver at good elevation, it does greatly extend the range of inexpensive and conveniently carried handie-talkie units in remote corners of the town. Tests are continuing under the direction of Communications Chief Albert M. Jackson.

Late in the year a letter of intent was forwarded, as directed by the Selectmen, for Federal financial contribution toward the construction costs of the proposed new Police and C.D. Operations building adjoining the present town Administration building.

Council on Aging

The year of 1971 brought many changes to the Council on Aging. In September, the council hired their first full-time director who is responsible for administering all activities and programs, and for motivating the senior citizens of Agawam to more fully participate in center activities.

In December, we began a bus service for the elderly. A bus driver was hired under the Emergency Employment Act and we rented a 12-passenger mini-bus. This service is available 7 hours a day Monday through Friday. We hope this bus transportation will allow senior citizens to participate in the activities here at the center, and also provide trips to doctors, grocery stores, banks, etc.

Our regular activities are: ceramics, with an attendance of 25; knitting, with an attendance of 25; painting, with an attendance of 8 to 10; pool, with an attendance of 20; card parties, which average about 30; and bowling (at Riverside) with an attendance of 15. Our lunch programs, which are given in conjunction with the school lunch program average 35 when served at the Senior Center, and 15 when served at Granger School.

In addition to these regularly scheduled activities, we also ran occasional bus trips, in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department. This year some of the trips were: a trip to see the Christmas lights in Hartford, plus dinner; a day trip to Sunnyside Farms in Greenville, New York; a sightseeing tour of historic Boston with dinner at Pier 4; and a trip to a Red Sox game at Fenway Park in Boston.

Under direction of the Health Department, we had two very successful clinics this fall. One was a flu clinic and the other was a diabetes detection clinic.

In November, the senior citizens held their annual bazaar. Throughout the entire year, the classes make things for this event and they plan the whole bazaar. The articles are put on sale, with some things being raffled off. The bazaar was a huge success, as it always is, and we are very proud of the fine job done by the senior citizens.

In December, the Junior Women's Club gave their annual Christmas party. Our largest crowd of the year, 140 people attended. We had entertainment and refreshments and everyone is looking forward to next year's party.

In 1972, we are planning a meals on wheels program, also in conjunction with the school lunch program. This would bring one hot meal a day to those senior citizens who are unable to come to the center for lunch, or to those who are unable to prepare their own meals. This will be the only lunch program of its kind in Western Mass. It will begin early in 1972. Also, we are applying for Federal funds to purchase our own mini-bus at some time during the year.

The council would like to thank all the organizations and the people who have helped us during the year. Their help is essential in making our Senior Center a success.



B. EDWARD DAHDAH

Board of Appeals

Your Board of Appeals would be remiss in their duties if they did not recognize and pay a special tribute to Mr. Edward Dahdah who after ten years of faithful and dedicated service to the community has retired from the board. Ed has served as chairman for the past three years and has been a continuing source of inspiration and knowledge to all the board members.

Agawam certainly owes Ed a great big "thanks" for a job well done and we wish him success in all his future endeavors.

The board had probably the busiest year in its history with twenty-nine public hearings held covering a wide range of appeals from side lot requirements to special fill removal permits. There is no doubt that the case load will continue heavy through 1972 as more petitioners seek relief to build on the many non-confirming, undeveloped lots that exist in the built-up areas of the community.

We would like to gratefully thank the many members of our town government for their excellent cooperation especially, our Town Building Inspector who has helped so much during the past year to make our job a little easier.

Health Department

HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF

Joseph Faucette, Selectman . . .	Chairman, Board of Health
*R. Francis Milici, D.V.M. . . .	Health Agent
Robert Cagan, R.S., R.Ph. . . .	Acting Health Agent
James A. Doering, M.D.	Board of Health Physician
Carl W. Janovsky, M.D.	Board of Health Pediatrician
Stacia Egbert, R.N.	Senior Public Health Nurse
Claire Niemiec, R.N.	Public Health Nurse
*Rita Marcus, R.N.	Substitute Public Health Nurse
Dominick Ricco	Gypsy Moth Specialist
Marion M. White	Senior Clerk

Mr. Robert Cagan, R.S., R.Ph., as the acting Health Agent, should be commended for the efficient manner in which he carried out the responsibilities of the Agawam Health Agent, which were performed in conjunction with his regular duties in Springfield.

*On December 1, 1971, Dr. R. Francis Milici was appointed as the full-time Health Agent and Mrs. Rita Marcus, R.N. was made a full-time Public Health Nurse. This was made possible by Federal funds received through Emergency Employment Administration.

1971 — RESIDENT CASES OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Diseases	1971	1970
Anterior Poliomyelitis	0	0
Chicken Pox	25	187
Dog Bite	67	64
Dysentery	0	0
Encephalitis	0	0
German Measles	3	5
Gonorrhea	19	5
Syphilis	0	0
Hepatitis	6	16
Measles	1	0
Meningitis	0	1
Mumps	5	46
Salmonella	3	4
Scarlet Fever	5	12
Streptococcal Sore Throat	113	152
Tuberculosis	1	1
Whooping Cough	0	0

1971 — PERMITS AND LICENSES — FEES COLLECTED

77 Food Service Permits	10 Hauling Rubbish
1 Milk Pasteurization	5 Hauling Effluent
69 Milk Stores	62 Construction Works Disposal Permits
1 Milk Vehicle	10 Installer's Construction Works Permit
4 Frozen Dessert	2 Funeral Director Permit
25 Oleomargarine	5 Kindergarten — Day Care Center
6 Trailer Court and Motels	7 Semi-Public Swimming Pool Permit
3 Permits to keep Hogs	559 Fees — Nurses Visits
1 Hauling Garbage	

Trailer Court Fees	\$2,310.00
Permits and Licenses	1,026.00
Health Nurse Visits	559.00
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Total Fees Collected	\$3,895.00

Public Health Nurses

Nursing in our town encompasses the total patient and his family, although home care is supervised and limited by doctors orders. If the nurse encounters situations needing other services the patient is informed as to where these specialties can be obtained. As in the past self care and education of the family is our prime objective. Our patients continue to increase in the sixty-five and older age group.

In November a Diabetic Clinic for Senior Citizens was held at the Senior Center — thirty-eight tests were done and twelve other diabetic kits were distributed. We are most pleased to report all tests were negative. Two days later "flu" shots were administered by Dr. James Doering to thirty-one senior citizens. We are most hopeful that both these clinics will increase next year.

Many seminars and in-service programs were attended throughout the year. Three of these pertained to the increasing drug problems — from the psychiatric, legal and medical aspects.

Cardiac children were not ignored and a special seminar was attended in April at the University of Massachusetts. Since some heart patients are given a Pace-maker to maintain them, in May the nurses attended an all day meeting in Western Massachusetts Hospital.

Two Public Health Workshops were attended in May. Three In-Service Programs on Restorative Nursing were attended in October.

Under Health Promotion 114 children made 195 visits to our Well Child Conference for immunization given by Dr. Carl Janovsky. A special Rubella (German Measles) clinic held in December immunized an additional 120 pre-schoolers by the same doctor.

All prenatal and pastpartum referrals from local hospitals resulted in one hundred and forty-two visits.

Tuberculosis Tine Testing was done in March on first and ninth graders. A total of 644 school children were tested. September being the start of a new school year it was necessary to Tine Test all the first and ninth grade students. Six hundred and forty-eight students took advantage of this testing in October. All readings were negative to tuberculosis in both of these programs.

Department of Public Works employees were immunized against diphtheria and tetanus and typhoid in December by Dr. James Doering.

Most of the nurses' time is spent on disease control. Eighteen hundred and twenty-three visits were made to patients in various categories. Chronic diseases lead the list of ailments.

We were happy to welcome Dr. R. Francis Milici as our full-time Health Agent and have Rita Marcus as a full-time staff member.

We will continually strive to update our knowledge and skills and thereby be able to give improved care to all citizens requesting our services.

We wish to thank all persons helping us through the year especially Mr. Joseph Faucette, Board of Health chairman, also our part-time agent, Mr. Robert Cagan.

Area Mental Health and Retardation Board

The Westfield Area Mental Health and Retardation Board represents thirteen communities: Agawam, Blandford, Chester, Granville, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery, Russell, Sandisfield, Southwick, Tolland, Westfield and West Springfield. The board's program has made significant strides in the past year, due in great part to the continued financial assistance of the towns and city in the area. The state has also aided the program significantly and the state and local cooperation has resulted in and will continue to result in expansion of existing projects and facilities and the beginning of desperately needed new programs and facilities.

An associate area director was hired to head up the area board staff — this position is paid for by the state. A secretary for the Area Board and Adult Mental Health Clinic works with him and the clinic personnel — her position is paid for by funds from the communities. The addition of the director is extremely significant as it gives the communities a full-time person to contact with regard to community problems and planning. His name is Lester Miller and his phone is 568-1216.

An area drug program coordinator (William Grattan) was hired — his position is funded by the state. It was through his efforts and the work of the area board and local personnel that state funds for drug programs were obtained:

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| 1. West Springfield | — \$5,200 | 3. Agawam | — \$4,200 |
| 2. Westfield | — \$8,400 | 4. Gateway Regional | — \$4,200 |

These programs are in operation and they are attempting to meet the drug problems that confront our communities.

The Work Opportunities Center, another area board-initiated facility, has moved into new quarters in West Springfield and is in phase two of its program. The center provides evaluation and meaningful work for physically and mentally handicapped persons from thirteen communities centered on West Springfield. Aided by federal funds, in addition to community and private support, the center is now fully staffed with a qualified director, vocational counselor, and social worker. Presently serving about twenty persons, it is anticipated the number of those attending will rise to about thirty-five. A major goal of the center is to prepare the handicapped for employment in industry.

The Adult Mental Health Clinic, supported in full by the local community contributions, has demonstrated the need for expanded adult services so convincingly that the Department of Mental Health has recently allocated two positions (one clerical, one professional) to the clinic. These positions, however, are funded under the Emergency Employment Act and will expire in two years' time. It is most probable that additional full-time staff will be allocated to this facility in the budget effective July 1, 1972.

The philosophy of your area board — and it is **your** area board — has been to use community monies to start long-needed programs, demonstrate to the Department of Mental Health that the need is there and that our communities are determined to service these needs. It has worked, and it can continue to work through the all important financial assistance of our communities.

Town History Book Committee

Meetings have been held and a definite plan of study has been initiated. While gathering together historical data, many sources of information have been discovered. Inventory on material available at the library has been made and recorded.

While it will not be possible to incorporate all the research material we will accumulate in the actual book; we are planning to file the specific topic reports in the town library for future research needs.

In December, a number of old books and town records were discovered in the vault at the Town Hall. Hopefully, these volumes can be rebound and used in compiling the present History Book.

Members of the committee are: Mrs. Edith LaFrancis, Mrs. Harold Bensen, Mrs. William Keogh, Mr. David Gallano and Mr. Richard Curry, Chairman.

Special Note:

An independent study and research of the early years of Anne Sullivan Macy, Feeding Hills native, has been made. A book is in the process at present with photographs, interviews and research by Jean W. Taylor of Feeding Hills.

Public Libraries

I. CIRCULATION:

A.	1971	Total Circulation — Last 5 Years
Agawam Center	57,536	221,167
Feeding Hills	22,609	115,179
North Agawam	14,418	71,621
Total	94,563	407,967

Gain over previous year's circulation — 3,044

- B. TEACHER'S CHARGE: A service provided to teachers allowing them to take any number of books for classroom deposit and use.

Agawam Center	1,951
Feeding Hills	236
North Agawam	101
Total	2,288

C. INTER-LIBRARY LOAN:

- Supplementary reference: 3,123
- Bookmobile rotation collection:

1971	56,717
1970	55,711

1,006 more books were offered to patrons than the previous year.

II. BOOKS AND PERIODICALS:

A. BOOKS:

1. New books purchased and cataloged	2,624
2. Recataloged older books	67
3. Withdrawals	1,500
4. Repaired and mended	1,443
5. Bound	104

B. PERIODICALS:

In 1971, 11 new periodicals were added:

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED (2 subscriptions)	DOWN BEAT CHOICE	MODERN DRAMA ROAD AND TRACK
PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY	MOTOR TREND	PSYCHOLOGY TODAY
SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN	OCEANS	NATURAL HISTORY

In addition, the libraries received the following as gifts:

AMERICAN HERITAGE	—	Miss Marianne Pedulla
AUDIENCE	—	Mrs. Harriet Keogh
THE SIGN	—	Mrs. Frances Hess
YANKEE	—	Miss Dame
LOOK, LIFE, NEWSWEEK, HOME AND GARDEN	—	Dr. Tate (for Feeding Hills)

C. NEWSPAPERS: (5)

NEW YORK TIMES (Sunday Edition)
MANCHESTER GUARDIAN
CATHOLIC OBSERVER

AGAWAM INDEPENDENT
SPRINGFIELD DAILY NEWS

D. LARGE PRINT EDITIONS:

NEW YORK TIMES — gift from the Agawam Public Libraries to Senior Center
READER'S DIGEST — gift of Miss Anna Fickweiler

III. BORROWERS:

	NEW			RE-REGISTERED		
	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Agawam Center	407	234	641	326	169	495
Feeding Hills	136	163	299	155	93	248
North Agawam	16	82	98	44	54	98
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	559	479	1,038	525	316	841

Total number of registered borrowers in the Agawam Public Libraries: 4,929

IV. MONIES ACCRUED:

Fines: \$1,566.97
Copier: 211.98

V. PERSONNEL:

Essentially, the staff remains the same with but one exception. In June, Mrs. June Mulligan, a long time volunteer who had just recently been added to the payroll, resigned and returned to West Virginia. She has been replaced by Mrs. Donna Terrio, a recent graduate of the University of Massachusetts. Mrs. Terrio is planning a career in library science.

VI. COMMUNITY SERVICES:

A. LIBRARY ORIENTATION:

1. Two Brownie Troops	—	40
2. Little Yankee Kindergarten	—	52
3. ABC Kindergarten	—	35
4. Agawam "Y" Pre-Schoolers	—	23
5. Feeding Hills Community Kindergarten	—	60

B. SUMMER READING CLUB:

Total Registration: 120
110 eligible for Theater Party
102 children attended performances of JACK AND THE
BEANSTALK and ROBINSON CARUSO given at
the Storowton Music Tent
Total Book Circ.: 702

C. PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR: Held one morning a week — inaugurated in 1970 and a huge success. The average attendance per session is 25-30. The two eight-week sessions are held in the fall and in the spring. Total spring attendance, 102; fall, 142.

- D. SHUT-IN SERVICE: A service provided to any person unable to use the library because of age, injury or illness. Because of the mildness of this winter, we are at present servicing only Heritage Hall Nursing Home and one shut-in.
- E. PUBLIC RELATIONS: During 1971, the Director of the Agawam Public Libraries —
1. was invited to exhibit slides for the kindergarten and fifth grades at Greenwood Park School, Longmeadow.
 2. judged a Chicopee Community Concert Poster Contest.
 3. visited Peirce School — all grades — to speak on libraries and the new books available here in Agawam.
 4. was-re-elected to the Western Regional Advisory Council Executive Board and the Public Relations Commission of this same board,
 5. was host to the Agawam Garden Club for its March meeting and to the Library Site Study Commission on their many meetings at the Center Library.

VII. IN ADDITION:

1. The master catalog at Agawam Center was refiled and brought into order with the new American Library Association filing rules.
2. The master registration and borrowing system was re-vamped.
3. A planned program for the recovery of long overdue books was set up and is providing to be 90% successful.
4. The upstairs at the Feeding Hills Library was repainted and the book-cases for the storage and work area were built gratis by Bill Andrews and Richard Orr.
5. During NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, the libraries a. held a special drawing in each library and awarded a book to each winner, b. held a Dairy Exhibit, c. displayed a special exhibit of Russian art books and Russian toys, d. set out special bookmarks, mobiles, displays of new books, many of which were autographed by either the author or illustrator, e. enjoyed with countless others a special display of ceramic tiles depicting characters from the novels of Charles Dickens exhibited at the Center Library by Mrs. Marion Leger, a well known local artist, f. witnessed the planting of a flowering crab tree by the Agawam Garden Club on the Center Library lawn.
6. During the year, the staff and the director not only attended the usual local, regional and national library meetings, but also, added two round-table meetings for Childrens' Librarians held in Longmeadow and West Springfield and a special joint meeting of public and school librarians, held at the Agawam High School, a first step in efforts to better coordinate library service to the public of Agawam. In addition, the Director of the Agawam Public Libraries was selected from among the 104 libraries in Western Mass. as a delegate to a special, executive-level seminar spon-

sored by the Mass. Bureau of Library Extension in its effort to supply better library service to the residents of Massachusetts.

7. And finally, in November, the North Agawam Library was painted and re-organized.

Reluctantly, we let 1971 go — it was a good year — and we turn expectantly to the bright promise of 1972, designated officially as INTERNATIONAL BOOK YEAR — feeling as we turn like the hurrying rabbit of ALICE IN WONDERLAND — “no time to waste — so much to do.”

Personnel Board

The Personnel Board and the Personnel Director held ten scheduled regular meetings, three special meetings and two executive meetings during the calendar year of 1971.

The revaluation of town jobs, including classifications and wages was completed by Frank C. Brown & Company, Inc. and submitted, for approval, to the Town Meeting Members at the Annual Town Meeting in 1971. This program was defeated by 4 votes.

Through the efforts of the members of the Personnel Board, sixty-one annual wage increases, twenty-eight new of re-classifications were reviewed and processed.

Each meeting was 99% attended by its members.

Sidewalk and Safety Committee

Although the town meeting did not grant any new sidewalks to our committee this year, two articles concerning traffic safety were passed. These being the installation of a complete traffic signal system at the intersection of Suffield Street and Cooper Street, and a complete, new traffic control mechanism for O'Brien's Corner. These two intersections have been the scene of many accidents. Sidewalk repairs were limited because of lack of funds. Three short connector sidewalks were installed, South Street, Line Street and Springfield Street near Line Street.

Many problems regarding safety were brought before our group during the year. We have tried to correct those we had the power to correct and instigate action on those beyond our control.

This committee under the chairmanship of Anthony Saracino, worked in coordination with the Superintendent of the D.P.W., the Building Inspector and the Safety Officer, to make our town safe in all ways.

Parks, Playground & Recreation Commission

TOWN RECEIVES SWIMMING COMPLEX

Agawam has obtained a much needed swimming pool at no cost.

Built by the State Department of Natural Resources. Once the swimming complex has been completed, the State Department of Public Works will take charge of complete maintenance and operational expenses. It will take fifteen people to operate this facility. Shea's Field has been picked as the site for this much needed swimming pool. Construction will start in the very near future. Cost of the complex will be between \$350,000 and \$400,000.

With the population and building explosion, within the town, the need for a new recreation facility becomes the chief need for the Recreation Department. Our present facilities have reached their capacity. With the coming of the new school with its modern gyms and indoor swimming facility, along with the development of Borgatti Park, will ease the overloaded conditions within the town.

Plans are now being made by the Recreation Commission and its director to increase female programs and participation. Programs of music, art, baton twirling and cheerleading will be started in 1972.

In keeping with modern times, the department has obtained up-to-date equipment to maintain its play areas. The department is now faced with the problem of where to store and maintain this equipment, which brings about the request of a maintenance and storage building. The present facility is far below par.

The playgrounds attendance reached an all time high in 1971, an average of 2,350 children per week participated in the many programs offered. Arts and crafts which is always the most popular program attracted an average of 1,050 children per week, or 8,400 children for the eight-week playground period. This does not include the mothers that attended also.

Bus trips were offered to Look Park, New England Patriots practice sessions, swimming trips to Congamond, and to cap the season, two Peter Pan buses made the trip to Fenway Park, of which the Recreation Department paid 1/2 and the child paid 1/2. One hundred and twenty children attended this trip.

The second annual field day was held at Shea's Field, ribbons and special prizes were awarded to all event winners and runners up. Over 500 boys and girls attended.

All programs indicated an increase during 1971. Seven to 10 instructional basketball averaged 290 per week; 10 to 12 basketball operated a 6 team league; 13 to 15 basketball operated with 10 teams; 16 to 18 basketball league was changed to 16 to 22 to include more participants.

The adult league is now established at 23 years and over, playing every Sunday afternoon in the high school gym.

Baseball during the 1971 season took a big jump. Fourteen teams operated in the 13 to 15 league. With two teams being placed in the 16 years old Surburban League.

Adult slo-pitch softball expanded to 12 teams, and also saw its first annual slo-pitch tournament, which was an 18 team double elimination.

Girls softball which was operated in the past as the inter-church league, was taken over by the Park and Recreation Department for the first time and ran with great success by Mrs. C. Brame who served as director.

Along with all other programs, tennis has continued to grow in interest with two courts under lights. Both the adult and youth tournaments had increased participation.

For the first time, a six-week pilot program for pre-schoolers was offered. Mrs. Pamela Jones and Mr. Charles Monnier directed this successful program.

The 10 to 13 football league drew great family participation.

In what proved to be the best played game of this young league saw the Cardinals upset the 1970-1971 Champions Giants, 8 to 0, on an 85-yard touchdown run by Joe DeCosmo.

To go along with the trend, 3 soccer teams were placed in the Springfield Park league.

Senior citizens took advantage of bus trips offered on the 50% - 50% basis. Trips were made to Fenway Park, Rockport, Mass., Boston's Pier 4, Greenville, N.Y., Lake Compounce and the Christmas lights at Constitution Plaza in Hartford, Conn.

Ice hockey has taken over as the most popular sport in Agawam. Thirteen teams have been established on all age levels operating in the Junior Hockey League of Springfield. All games are played at the Blunt Park rink.

With more leisure time becoming available to each person, the need for recreation and recreation facilities become a No. 1 problem, for Agawam, as it does for every town and city across the nation. Agawam must think of a complete recreation center in the very near future. This building must have all the recreation facilities under one roof to take care of all needs in all age groups.

Ask yourself this question! Would you rather pick your son or daughter up at the local recreation center, or visit the local jail because he or she hasn't been given the chance to choose between right and wrong. This expensive problem should have been solved years ago, but it becomes bigger and bigger each year. **THE PROBLEM IS HERE, FACE IT!**

Youth Commission

The Agawam Youth Commission has made great efforts toward meeting the needs of the youth of Agawam. Organized in May of 1971, the commission elected Lawrence Scherpa as chairman, Richard Soderman as vice-chairman and Jane Gallerani as clerk. The first work of the commission consisted of holding an open meeting for all youth of the town in which the youth were given an opportunity to

air their grievances about problems which existed for them in town, and also to give the commission the opportunity to introduce themselves to the young people.

In the summer of 1971, the Agawam Youth Commission became directly involved with the Agawam Teen Center. The Agawam Teen Center, which originally had been a project of the ACO, was taken over fully by the Agawam Youth Commission, with member Marsha Della Guistina being appointed to work with the youngsters from the Teen Center. It soon became apparent to commission members that the facilities of the Teen Center located in the Carosel Roller Rink, were highly inadequate and a search for new quarters was begun.

In the fall of 1971, the commission held a very successful voter registration campaign aimed at the newly enfranchised 18 year old voter. With the much appreciated help of Town Clerk Edward Caba and the Board of Registrars over 300 new voters were added to the voting lists during the drive.

In the winter of 1971, the commission held a Christmas party for all elementary school aged children in town. The party held in the Agawam Junior High auditorium saw over 400 children treated to a free movie, candy and a visit from Santa Claus.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the commission on behalf of the youth came during the closing weeks of December when the long search for a new Teen Center was realized. Through the generosity of Mr. Jack Stanley, and the efforts of Selectman Joe Faucette the use of a 12 room house on Suffield Street was donated to the Youth Commission.

One of the primary tasks of the commission during 1972 will be the renovation and setting up of this house as a functioning Teen Center.

The year 1971 was a successful year for the commission not only in a material and tangible way, but also in the knowledge that the youth of Agawam know that their town does care about them and is willing to help.

Chairman Scherpa wishes to thank all of the members of the commission who worked very hard through the year in making the Agawam Youth Commission a working commission and also wishes to thank the many public officials and private citizens who have contributed their time, expertise, and efforts in making the year a very productive one.

Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commissioners have met periodically during the year to plan the maintenance of the town controlled cemeteries.

Federal Hill Cemetery	Cooper Street
Maple Grove Cemetery	Southwick Street
Houghton Cemetery	South Westfield Street
Training School Cemetery	South Westfield Street

The mowing, trimming of grass and raking of leaves was again let out to contract.

Veterans' Services

The Veterans' Services Department, during the year 1971, has increased its services almost 100%. There are many reasons for this. More people are aware of the services rendered. Vietnam veterans are referred to Veterans' Services in securing the State Bonus. We have processed many veterans' widow's pension claims and claims for V.A. disability for veterans.

Due to the economic conditions, our financial aid to veterans and their dependents has increased. Some of our recipients were transferred to Veterans' Administration service through the efforts of this department, thus saving the state and town financial expense.

During the year 1971, Veterans' Services processed over 5,000 contacts. These included bonuses, pensions, educational forms, discharge copies, financial assistance and telephone inquiries.

We want to thank those people who come in early with their pension questionnaires. This serves a dual purpose. In the event there is a mistake, this can usually be corrected for the recipient so that there will not be a stop on their pension check. Most of the "over 72" recipients no longer have to file as long as there is no change in income.

As we enter 1972, we look forward to serving the veterans and their dependents. As the town expands, our work increases with it and it is our intention to serve you, the people, of Agawam. If you cannot get to the Veterans' Services office, we will make arrangements to get to you, if you will call.

Veterans' Memorial Committee

The people of Agawam can be proud of the patriotic activities sponsored by the Veterans' Memorial Committee. Once again, Agawam had one of the largest parades honoring servicemen and women, past and present, on Memorial Day, 1971.

This memorial was made possible through the cooperation of the four veterans' service organizations, W.W. 1 Barracks, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. The Police Department had good control of the traffic, without which we could not have had a parade. There were about forty units marching that included units from our Police and Fire Departments.

We are grateful for the assistance of Don Campbell of D.P.W. and Art Zavarrella, who set up the public address systems. One man, who for years has worked many hours and days as secretary is Walt Trabold of W.W. 1 Barracks.

We have mentioned just a few of the many who make this day outstanding to the memory of our veterans.

A school Poster and Essay Contest in the seventh and eighth grades was sponsored by the veterans' service organizations. It is their plan to enlarge on this contest in the coming year.

Working closely with the Veterans' Agent, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Walt Trabold and Rusty Baker, over 600 graves of veterans were decorated with the American flag.

Once again we can say the people of Agawam can be proud. This is their committee and we thank all who participated in honoring those who served their country.

Town Prosecutor

In July of 1971, I was appointed to the position of Town Prosecutor. It did not take long to discover that Agawam, though it is a small town, has a great deal of crime in varying degrees. The crimes range from a simple breach of the peace to armed robbery. It appears that the underlying cause for many of the crimes is drug oriented. For instance, the reason that a person may break into a store or pharmacy is to either steal money to feed his habit or to steal the drug itself. Fortunately, the people of Agawam have recognize this problem and have initiated or sponsored programs to rehabilitate the drug user.

With regard to the caliber of policemen in Agawam with whom I have worked, I would have to say that I have found them to be very dedicated and intelligent. Their morale is very high. This is understandable because their superiors are the type of people that the officers can respect.

Dog Officer

It has been the policy of this office to concentrate on removing the unlicensed dog, or true stray, from the streets. In every instance, the owner of a licensed dog is shown every consideration in the prompt return of his dog. Remember, all licenses are renewable in April and dogs must be leashed year-round.

Thanks to all the townspeople who have shown the Dog Officer such fine co-operation and courtesy during the first few months on the job.

716	Complaints
270	Dogs picked up
1,716	Days confined
128	Dogs put to sleep
142	Dogs released to owners
71	Licenses issued
\$ 675.00	Paid for dogs picked up
\$3,411.00	Paid days confined
\$ 256.00	Paid for disposed dogs
\$ 340.00	Paid to process list of unlicensed dogs
\$ 10.00	Postage
\$ 446.50	Fines paid to Town
\$3,218.00	Reimbursed to the Town from County, Form DL 9
107	More dogs licensed over 1970

Whiting Street Fund

The Whiting Street Fund had another quiet year, with only one resident requesting and receiving aid from the fund.

The following is a short article as to the origin and purpose of the Whiting Street Fund:

Mr. Whiting Street, a resident of Northampton, Mass., bequeathed to Agawam and various other towns a sum of money. The income from this legacy to be used as aid to residents of Agawam in need of temporary help. This assistance is obtained by applying directly to one of the two Trustees, or at times through one of the public agencies of the town. These applicants cannot be receiving Welfare Aid.

Board of Registrars

The Board of Registrars held evening and Saturday voter registration sessions both in the Administration Building and in each of our voting precincts. In addition to these sessions we had several occasions where we visited homes of people desiring to become voters but were unable to because of physical disability. This practice we will continue and ask that if you are aware of any cases please call the Town Clerk and we will be happy to make arrangements so that any person who is disabled and has all other qualifications will be able to register to vote.

At the closing of the last registration session for the Annual Town Election the total was 10,577 registered voters broken down as follows:

Unenrolled	4,829
Democrat	4,276
Republican	1,472



Town Meeting Members

PRECINCT 1

	3-13 A.M.	3-13 P.M.	3-16 P.M.	3-20 A.M.	3-20 P.M.	3-22 P.M.	3-25 P.M.	3-30 P.M.	5-1 Sp.	11-20 Sp.	11-22 Sp.
Alvigni, H. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Balboni, W. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Beltrandi, J. J.				x	x				x	x	
Bertera, P. J.				x	x	x	x			x	
Borgatti, R. H.				x	x	x	x	x	x		
Cebrelli, R. A.											
Churchill, G. R.											
Colli, F. A.						x	x	x	x	x	
DeForge, J. P.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
DePalma, N.	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	
Donatini, A. L.				x	x	x	x			x	
Fessler, H., Jr.									x	x	
Fontana, A., Jr.	x	x	x			x	x	x			
Grasso, C. A.		x	x								
Kane, J. P.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Letellier, W. T.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Loncto, G. M.	x	x	x				x	x	x		
Lovotti, L. J.				x	x					x	
Luccardi, G. F.											
Lucia, R.	x	x	x								
McCave, D. C.	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	
Montagna, M. P.				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Nardi, R.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Pisano, J. L.	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	
Provo, S. F.	x	x	x			x	x	x	x		
Provost, E. E.	x	x	x	x	x	x					
Rossi, C. A., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x					
Saracino, A. P.	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	
Saracino, R.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	
Swanson, E. C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Vergnani, K. M.	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	

PRECINCT 2

Battles, B. P.	x	x		x	x						
Bedard, M. A.	x	x		x	x	x	x				
Bouley, F. E.	x	x		x	x	x					
Buoniconti, F. R.	x	x	x							x	
Burns, J. T.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Burton, B. H.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Charest, R. R.	x	x	x						x	x	
Chmielewski, S. J.	x	x	x	x					x	x	
Connor, E. M.	x		x	x	x				x	x	
Dahdah, B. E.	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	
Dahdah, J. P.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
DeForge, W. J., Jr.	x			x	x	x					
DiDonato, E. M.	x	x		x	x	x			x	x	
Draghetti, G.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Granger, S. C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				

	3-13 A.M.	3-13 P.M.	3-16 P.M.	3-20 A.M.	3-20 P.M.	3-22 P.M.	3-25 P.M.	3-30 P.M.	5-1 Sp.	11-20 Sp.	11-22 Sp.
Karakla, F. T.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Kerr, A. W.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Kerr, P. R.		x	x	x					x		
Kerr, W. T.	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Liptak, G. S.	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Liptak, J. J., Jr.				x	x	x					
Loomis, J. H., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	
Rising, D. C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Rising, L. P.	x	x		x	x	x			x	x	
Rising, L. P., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Solitario, F. J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
Snyder, B. D.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Snyder, V. L.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Taylor, R. M.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Waniewski, J. C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Brantley, C. (Replacement)										x	x

PRECINCT 3

Bava, J. T.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x
Bonavita, C. F.		x								x	x
Borgatti, E. G.	x		x	x	x	x	x				
Capponcelli, D. C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
Circillo, A. J.	x	x	x			x	x			x	x
D'Amato, P. J.	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	x
D'Amato, R.	x	x				x	x			x	x
DiDonato, A. F.	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	x
Drew, F. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
Drew, M. F.	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x
Ferrari, J. J.	x	x	x							x	
Giordano, P. A.	x	x	x			x	x			x	
Gonet, W. T.	x										
Kunasek, D. G.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Liquori, A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Malone, A. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Malone, B. J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Mastroianni, L. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x
McMahon, N. J.						x	x			x	x
Montagna, J. B.	x	x		x	x						
Moreno, V. R.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Nacewicz, A.	x	x	x	x	x					x	x
Nicora, C. J., Jr.	x	x	x	x						x	x
Provost, R. E.										x	
Russo, L. J.	x	x	x	x	x					x	x
Russo, T.	x	x	x							x	
Scibelli, S. A.	x			x						x	
Skolnick, B.	x	x	x	x	x					x	
Skolnick, D.	x	x	x	x	x						x
Sullivan, R. M.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				

PRECINCT 4

	3-13 A.M.	3-13 P.M.	3-16 P.M.	3-20 A.M.	3-20 P.M.	3-22 P.M.	3-25 P.M.	3-30 P.M.	5-1 Sp.	11-20 Sp.	11-22 Sp.
Adams, P. J., Jr.	x x	x x x x	x	x x x							
Affleck, G. F.	x x x	x x x x	x	x x x							
Calabrese, C. R.	x x x x x	x	x x x								
Campbell, J. A.									x x		
Cardone, J. J.	x x x x x x								x x		
Charest, D. J.	x x x x x								x x x		
Clark, J.	x		x x x x x						x		
Dacey, F. T.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Diefenderfer, R. P.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Draghetti, L. D.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Edwards, A. S.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Elasmar, J. J.	x x x x x								x x		
Farrington, J. A.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Filiault, R.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Gallano, D. C.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Gallerani, A.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Gallerani, J.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Johnson, L. A., III									x		
Johnson, R. W.	x x	x x							x		
LaFleur, I. R.	x x x x x x x x x x										
McGowan, H. L.	x x x x x x x								x x x		
McLaughlin, J. J., Jr.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Moore, R. G.	x x x x x								x x		
Mikszewski, J.	x x x x x								x x x x x		
O'Keefe, J. A.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Pease, J. A.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Progulski, T. A., Jr.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Schilling, R. M.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Watson, R., Jr.	x x x								x x		
Zerra, J. L.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Brusig, W. J.										x	
(Replacement)											

PRECINCT 5

Andrews, L. R.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Ayre, A. A.	x x								x		
Bickford, G. E.	x x x x x x x								x		
Bouley, E. A.	x x x x								x x x		
Brindle, R. S.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Cascio, T. E.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Christopher, A. J.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Coffey, E. D.	x x x x x x x x x x										
DeForge, P. J., Jr.	x x x x x x x x x x										
DellaGiustina, M. A.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Doolittle, D.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Doering, R. G.	x x x x x x x x x								x		
Faucette, J. M.	x x x x								x x x x x		
Grenier, E. T.	x x								x x x x x		
Ingalls, A. E.											
Juliano, J. J. Sr.	x x x x x								x		x x x
Laudato, J.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Lawson, H. W.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Leclerc, W. C., Jr.	x x x x x x x x								x x		
Mattoon, D. H.	x x x										
Orr, R. W., Jr.	x x								x x		
Peterson, P. D.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Query, P. G.									x		x x
Richards, E. E.	x x								x		x x x x

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Stebbins, A. D., Jr.	x x										
Tatro, P. A.	x x x x x x x x										
Teahan, J. M.									x		
Walker, H. E.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Wallace, L. R.	x x x x x x x x								x x x		
Melanson, D. A.										x x	
(Replacement)											

PRECINCT 6

Anderson, R. F.											
Atwater, R. C.	x x										
Burnett, H. J.	x x										
Cavanaugh, C. O., Jr.	x x x x x x										
Chapman, K.	x x x x										
Charest, R. E.											
Chriscola, J. J.											
Cowles, W. A.	x x										
Diduk, P.											
Dowd, B. J.	x x x x x										
Fenton, J. C.	x x x x										
Fieldstad, P. M.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Fieldstad, L. B.	x x x x x x x x										
Hyland, T. E.											
Keogh, H. S.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Kitrosser, S. P.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Magovern, J. N.	x x										
Meunier, M. E.	x x x x x x x										
Notman, B. P.	x x x x x										
O'Connor, F. W.	x										
Phillips, J. N.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Pilkington, E. A.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Raiche, P.	x x x x x x										
Reynolds, J. G.	x x x										
Sausville, A. E.	x x x x x x x x x x										
St. John, W.	x x										
Thompson, J. H.	x x										
Wilson, N. H.	x x x x x x x x										
Mortenson, C.											
Paleologopoulos, P.	x x x x x x x x x x										
Lovotti, J.											
(Replacements)											

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Altobelli, Rodolfo	—	Assessors
Mikszewski, John	—	Finance Board
Bonavita, Albert	—	Planning Board
Zaverella, Arthur	—	School Board
Della-Giustina, Joseph	—	Selectmen
Connelly, Edward W.	—	
	—	State Representative
Caba, Edward A.	—	Town Clerk
Marshall, David M.	—	Moderator



JAMES CLARK

Superintendent James Clark retired from the Agawam Public School system after seventeen years of faithful service to the Town of Agawam and forty years of dedicated service to education.

He worked enthusiastically, untiringly and with compassion to give every young person in Agawam the best education possible.

He was active in community affairs and in this way did much to help all residents of the community.

He was a superintendent who always had time to give to any person no matter what the problem.

He had a wonderful sense of humor, was sincerely devoted to all who worked for him and will always be considered a member of the school family.

We wish you, Mr. Clark, the best of health in a happy retirement.

Agawam Public School

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 9, 1971 to June 23, 1972

1971

September	8	Wednesday	Schools open — beginning of school year
October	11	Monday	Schools closed — Columbus Day
October	15	Friday	Schools closed — Teachers' Convention Day
October	25	Monday	Schools closed — Veterans' Day
November	24	Wednesday	Schools closed — Noon, November 24th
	25	Thursday	Thanksgiving Vacation
	26	Friday	
December	23	Thursday	Schools closed — Christmas Vacation

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January	3	Monday	Schools reopen
February	21-25		Schools closed — Midwinter Vacation
February	28	Monday	Schools reopen
March	31	Friday	Schools closed — Good Friday
April	17-21		Schools closed — Spring Vacation
April	24	Monday	Schools reopen
May	29	Monday	Schools closed — Memorial Day
June	23	Friday	Schools closed — Summer Vacation

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

James Clark

Address: 28 Reed Street

Dr. Robert M. Gardner

Telephone 786-5363

Address: 107 Silver Lake Drive

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Junior High School Building — 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

Telephone 734-8045

Appointments should be arranged in advance

ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

James V. Bruno, Jr.

Telephone 569-6145

Address: 383 Tannery Road, Southwick

BUSINESS MANAGER

Richard J. Dudek

Address: 11 Carol Drive, Feeding Hills

SUPERINTENDENT'S SECRETARY

Mrs. Kathleen Arnold

HOURS IN SESSION

Senior High School

8:00 a. m. — 2:00 p. m.

Junior High School

8:30 a. m. — 2:30 p. m.

Robinson Park School and Faolin M. Peirce School

8:30 a. m. — 2:30 p. m.

Benjamin J. Phelps School and Katherine G. Danahy School

Clifford M. Granger School and South Elementary School

9:00 a. m. — 3:00 p. m.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Arthur Zavarella, Chairman	1974
Joseph L. Pisano, Vice-Chairman	1972
Mrs. Roberta G. Doering, Secretary	1973
Robert A. Fassnacht	1973
Frank R. Locke	1974
F. Joseph Napolitan	1972
Jerry R. Sibilis	1974
Mrs. Venetta L. Snyder	1972

(Appointed 11/29/1971 to fill vacancy)



DR. ROBERT M. GARDNER

Dr. Robert M. Gardner, the new Superintendent of Schools, was appointed by the Agawam School Committee and came to us the middle of October. Dr. Gardner comes from Bellport, Long Island, New York. He has had twenty years of experience in education as a teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent.

We welcome Dr. Gardner and his family to Agawam.

School Committee

Dr. Robert M. Gardner, Superintendent

Mr. Arthur Zavarella, Chairman, Agawam School Committee

Retirement of Superintendent James Clark

Mr. James Clark, Superintendent of Schools in Agawam since 1954 announced his retirement in mid-year. During his seventeen years' service the enrollment grew from 2,638 pupils in 1954 to 4,845 pupils in 1971. Superintendent Clark was consultant for six school building committees for Agawam. In that time period the construction of the senior high school, the South Street Elementary School, and

the Robinson Park Elementary School brought the total number of schools in Agawam to eight. Building additions were also completed at the senior high school, the junior high school, and the Granger school. At the time of his retirement construction was underway for the new junior high school building in the Feeding Hills area.

Mr. Clark also introduced the use of data processing for budget accounting, report cards, schedule and attendance procedures, and for student instruction at the high school. Many other innovations and additions to the school academic, vocational and extra-curricular programs were guided by Mr. Clark before he terminated his long career in school administration. Previously Mr. Clark had served as Superintendent of Schools in Coventry, Rhode Island and Deep River, Connecticut.

Appointment of New Superintendent and Assistant to the Superintendent

The school committee appointed Dr. Robert M. Gardner, a native of Amherst, Mass., as Superintendent of Schools to succeed Mr. Clark. Dr. Gardner assumed the post in October of 1971. For the past seven years he was Acting Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction at Bellport, Long Island. Dr. Gardner has also held various administrative and teaching positions in school systems of Erie County, New York for several years.

Mr. James V. Bruno, Jr., an Agawam native, was appointed to the new post of Assistant to the Superintendent in July. Mr. Bruno had served as Assistant Principal in the Agawam High School, science department chairman and secondary science teacher in the Agawam schools since 1963.

Enrollment Growth and Building Needs

During the year, the schools increased rate of growth was larger than anticipated or experienced during the past few years. The December 1971 enrollment was 4,845 pupils, some 2% more than anticipated, with the Granger and South Street schools attendance areas reflecting an increased rate of new home construction in 1971. The anticipated completion of the new junior high school for grades 8 and 9 should ease the space needs for a short time. The moving of 6th grades to the present junior high school will make room for kindergartens in the elementary buildings in September 1973. The school committee is currently studying the school building needs as those needs may be seriously affected by federally-stimulated low-income housing.

Kindergarten Program

Space requirements have not allowed the offering of a kindergarten program in Agawam schools during past years. One-half day kindergartens will be offered in September of 1973 in accordance with State requirements. In September of 1973, all Agawam children who are at least five years old before January 1, 1974 (at least 4 years, 8 months before September 1, 1973) may be admitted to kindergarten. For that year only (September 1973) all children who are at least 6 years old before January 1, 1974 may be admitted to first grade. After September 1973 it is expected that children entering first grade will have attended kindergarten.

Special Education

During 1971 the special education program was reorganized to provide for children with specific learning disabilities. A remedial physical education teacher at the primary grades and a teacher for learning disabilities were added at the elementary level. Classes for learning disability and retarded children are conducted at all levels for grades 1 to 12. Students also participate in work opportunity programs for the retarded in West Springfield at the Work Opportunity Center which is federally financed under Title III, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Seventy Agawam students are currently in programs for the retarded or for learning disability. New Massachusetts State Education Department regulations strictly regulate the assignment of children to these classes.

Project Pioneer

Agawam schools are participating in a consortium of nine area schools and American International College to explore ways of providing mutually beneficial services for students and teaching staff.

This federally-funded endeavor called "Project Pioneer" provide approximately \$300,000 for the consortium and is financed from Elementary and Secondary Act, Title III funds. Pioneer staff members are presently identifying the needs of the participating schools and are planning for teacher in-service and consultant services which the individual school systems would like to share on a regional basis. Participating schools with Agawam are Springfield, Holyoke, East Longmeadow, West Springfield, Westfield, Southwick, Wilbraham and Chicopee.

Advisory Council — Work Program — Open Campus

Two programs, one a reality and the other in planning stages, are designed to bring the senior high school student closer to the working world in his senior year. The work-study program described in the senior high school report has been greatly enlarged to supervise students in their initial contact for employment. The school committee placed emphasis on this program by creating the position — Director of Work-Study and Job Placement. Mr. David Skolnick was appointed to that post in the spring of 1971. Since that time the number of students enrolled has greatly increased.

An open campus program similar to those in operation or being considered in many western Massachusetts schools is in the planning stages at Agawam. The program would allow seniors to work and/or pursue advanced studies at area colleges when he is not in assigned classes. The student would be free to seek other educational opportunities. The student would not be required to remain in study halls or on the school campus if parental permission is granted. The open campus program is a program advanced by a sub-committee of the Senior High School Advisory Council which has representatives from the community, parents, students, faculty, school committee and administration. The advisory council was formed in the spring of 1971 in accordance with procedures recommended by the State Department of Education.

Halloween Program

All elementary schools and the junior high school joined with the townspeople, churches, the police department, and all major community organizations in a new organization called CASH (Citizens of Agawam for a Safe Halloween). Senior high school students and townspeople provided trick or treat programs, magic shows, and a dance for junior high school students in bringing about the safest and most incident-free Halloween on record. Interest in neighboring communities was high and the program shows every promise of expanding in years to follow. The school committee provided financial help for custodial and food services as part of the effort. Teachers, students and administrators volunteered their time to help.

Budget

In September 1971 the presidential wage freeze prevented granting of most teacher pay increments and negotiated pay increases. The wage freeze ended in November but many questions on wage increases remain unanswered as of December 31, 1971.

The budget for 1972 which the school committee has approved was discussed with the town finance committee. Negotiating meetings for the teachers and maintenance workers are in progress to determine the pay settlements for the 1972-73 school year. School budgeting will be planned on a July 1 to June 30 time interval effective July 1, 1974 according to new State requirements. This will require the presentation of an eighteen month budget next year. The State aid entitlement for the Agawam Public Schools fiscal year 1972 is \$692,436, which is an increase of \$144,122 over the 1971 entitlement.

Senior Citizens

A lunch program for senior citizens is conducted at the Granger school four days a week. Lunches are also provided from Phelps school for senior citizens at the senior center on Main Street. A meals-on-wheels programs for senior citizens will also provide lunches from the schools shortly bringing a total of approximately fifty meals per day served from school cafeterias for senior citizens.

Athletic Program Expansion

The secondary athletic program has been extended to include girls' tennis, girls' basketball, girls' field hockey, and boys' swimming. All are interscholastic sports. Girls' volleyball and gymnastics are planned at the intramural level for early 1972.

Music Program

The string program for orchestra at the elementary level is in its second year. Twenty-five students are now working with a part-time teacher for string instruments. The junior high school students will now have an opportunity to participate in orchestra as well as band. A senior high school orchestra will be formed when a sufficient number of students now enrolled in the elementary and junior high programs reach the senior high school. Group piano instruction was initiated at the high school in 1971 with enthusiastic response. A community band of high school and adult members was started in July and meetings were held weekly during

the summer months led by music director, Mr. Darcy Davis, Jr. The community band will be continued in the summer '72.

Teacher Retirements

Mrs. Lydia Blakeslee of the senior high school English department and Mr. Henry H. Baker, Guidance Counselor at the junior high school retired in 1971. Mr. Baker taught industrial arts for many years. In retirement, both terminate long and distinguished careers as teachers.

School Committeeman Terminates Long Service

At the end of the year, Mr. F. Joseph Napolitan did not seek a fourth term on the school committee in January, ending nine years of dedicated service to the community. Mr. Napolitan had served as chairman of the school committee for 1968 and 1972. He also served as secretary and as a member of the personnel, business, budget, purchasing, athletic, maintenance and salary sub-committees during his nine years in office.

Financial Statement

December 31, 1971

EXPENDITURES

School Committee	\$ 3,575
Superintendent's Office	78,737
Supervision	25,603
Principals	212,704
Teaching	2,107,561
Textbooks	29,998
Library	34,219
Audio-Visual	22,511
Regular Guidance	74,915
Psychological Services	19,120
Attendance	8,936
Health Services	35,399
Pupil Transportation	147,990
Food Services	6,338
Athletics	16,082
Other School Activities	7,001
Custodian Services	228,508
Heating of Buildings	57,541
Utility Services	51,084
Maintenance of Grounds	5,840
Maintenance of Buildings	59,551
Maintenance of Equipment	9,990
Insurance Program	32,399
Civic Activities	11,466
Acquisition and Improvement of Sites	6,040
Acquisition and Improvement of Buildings	935
Acquisition of Equipment	35,680
Replacement of Equipment	13,750
Programs with Other Districts	27,260
Out of State Travel	819
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	\$3,371,552

REIMBURSEMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND OTHER RECEIPTS

	1970	1971
Chapter 70 (General School Aid)	\$362,128	\$373,782
Chapter 71 (Transportation)	84,915	80,999
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	2,508	3,670
Special Education	36,411	38,107
Adult Education	1,729	1,812
Tuition from Individuals and Other Towns	326	270
Receipts from Rental of School Property	1,494	2,639
Receipts from Industrial Arts	733	963
State Aided Vocational Education (Chapter 74, amended)	12,972	8,811
Federal Funds, Title III, Title II	10,012	8,654
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,151	322
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	\$514,379	\$520,119
School Building Assistance	\$103,506	\$ 99,918
School Lunch Program	\$ 64,494	\$ 82,846

SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1971

PARTICIPATION:

	Phelps	Gran- ger	Peirce	Danahy	South	Robin- son	Jr. High	High	Total
Enrollment	518	560	223	236	429	525	819	1471	4781
Average served DAILY to Children:									
Type A Lunches with Milk	366	378	133	192	330	407	613	990	3421
Milk Only	114	157	60	46	77	102	96	130	782

Total Type A Lunches served during the year: 597,355

Needly Lunches served during the year: 34,393

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance December 31, 1970	\$ 5,640.71
Lunchroom Receipts	193,215.25
U.S.D.A. Claims Received	96,814.05
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Total Cash Available	\$295,670.01
Less Disbursements	262,226.73
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BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1971	\$ 33,443.28
U.S.D.A. Claims Due	8,867.31
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	\$ 42,310.59
Outstanding Bills	15,386.92
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Balance	\$ 26,923.67

AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment as of December 31, 1971

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sp.	Tr.	Total
Benjamin J. Phelps	94	82	90	93	85	67									511
Katherine G. Danahy	41	48	57	50	47										243
Robinson Park	56	56	62	56	117	171							11		529
Faolin M. Peirce	60	51	54	55											220
Clifford M. Granger	107	107	96	88	95	85							11		588
South Elementary	75	79	72	78	78	63							10		455
TOTAL ELEMENTARY															2546
Junior High							413	422					6		841
High School									386	378	354	320	20		1458
	433	423	431	420	422	385	413	422	386	378	354	320	58		4845

High School Principal

Paul A. Tatro, Principal

During the past three years, the status of education and, particularly, public school education has been affected by the recent demand for relevancy and participation. Over the past year these demands have been spearheaded by the Board of Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Commissioner of Education Dr. Neil Sullivan. The direction and implementation of school policy has become, in the vernacular, "a new ball game." Thus we will find the Agawam Public Schools becoming more responsive to student, teacher and community desires. I believe such direction could bode well for Agawam.

With a pupil population of 1471 as of the close of the calendar year, it is becoming increasingly difficult to administer programs and policies that are truly relevant. The entire staff looks forward to one year from now when, hopefully with a new school opening and with less than 1100 students at this school, we will be able to implement some plans which will provide more effective and meaningful education. These plans include smaller classes, departmental workshops, more elective courses and other revisions that mark the current trend of education. We are sure it will also provide for a much more significant kind of education than presently possible.

This past spring, in accordance with the wishes of the student body and the recommendations of the Massachusetts Board of Education, the Agawam High School Advisory Council was formed. This council consists of students, teachers, administrators, recent graduates, school committee personnel, community representatives and parents of high school students. The council is presently investigating and making recommendations in the three areas of extra curricular activities, curriculum and school governance.

In response to reports from Dr. Neil Sullivan, Commissioner of Education, the Agawam High School Advisory Council is particularly interested in "a workable alternative to the traditional high school program, an alternative expected to increase the scope and benefits of education in this state. Releasing the students from the physical confines of our schools during their free time alters the character of education." The above quotes are from Dr. Neil Sullivan. He further states: "Our schools should attract and hold pupils by merit not law, and it is the hope of enriching our institutional fare that these guidelines to the open campus approach are offered." With such a strong advocate for this plan at the state level, it is difficult to overlook the implications and the possibilities. Its implementation by the Agawam High School Advisory Council, if approved by the School Committee, will be forthright but cautious.

During the past year and a half, a complete curriculum revision has taken place in the English department. This revision that instituted many English elective courses has been well accepted by the students and the teachers. It provides the students with an opportunity to be responsible for course selection on a limited basis and allows the teacher to concentrate on the area of greatest competency. It is quite

likely that such options will be opened up in other departments when the crowded conditions are relieved in 1973.

Participation in interscholastic competition is a valuable activity for the students involved, but in addition it provides enthusiasm and prestige for the school. The hockey team coached by Mr. Ralph Merullo won the Wright Division championship and participated in the Western Mass. Hockey Tournament. The record of the basketball team coached by Mr. Clifford Kibbe was such that the team was invited to participate in the play-off for the Western Mass. Basketball Tournament. Mr. Joseph Zabielski coached the tennis team to a berth in the Western Mass. Tennis Tournament. This record in competition is a very fine one.

Mrs. Rosemary Stratton and Mr. Joseph Fitzgerald coached the "Schools Match Wits" team to the finals in this contest. The team was represented by Gregory Balsewicz, Vicki Catchepaugh, Thomas Davies, Louise Spear and alternate Charlene Rawson. Second best in Western Massachusetts is an honor to be proud of.

The 1971 yearbook staff and the adviser Mr. David Pulaski was presented the American Yearbook Golden Eagle Award for the 1971 **Sachem**. The award is based on layout and design, photography, material well-prepared for the printer and an outstanding educational experience for the staff. This was the only yearbook staff and adviser in Western Massachusetts to receive the award in 1971.

The Commission of Education Dr. Neil Sullivan initiated a Massachusetts Board of Education Student Advisory Council. It is our pleasure at Agawam High School to have two of our students serve on this council. We are probably the only school in the state to have two students on this council of approximately fifty members. As vice president of the Massachusetts Association of Student Councils, Michael Ramah became a member of this very prestigious Student Advisory Council. In addition, Mr. Anthony Calvanese was asked to represent the school and Western Massachusetts as a member of the council. I'm sure they will bring great credit to the Agawam High School by their service at the state level.

Two hundred and twenty-two students representing 72% of the Class of 1971 were accepted at institutions of higher learning. They received awards and scholarships of approximately \$30,000.

Each year awards are given to those students who have achieved beyond average in the various subject areas. Their names follow:

Civitan Award — Engraved Dictionary — Name on Plaque	Susan Esther Affleck
Citizenship — Daughters of the American Revolution	Susan Esther Affleck
Proficiency in Student's Chosen Field —	
Agawam Democratic Women's Club — \$50	Linda Sue Maynard
Third National Bank (Agawam Branch) —	
Highest Commercial Award — \$25	Jeanne Marie Messier
Latin — Benjamin J. Phelps — Agawam Lions Club — \$25	Vicki Joann Catchepaugh
Felix DePalma Mathematics Prizes — \$50 each	Thomas Ivor Davies, Robert Charles Morin
Ruth N. Hoyer Award for Nursing — Agawam Women's Club — \$10	Janice Marie Lucia
Victor Emmanuel Auxiliary — Excellence in English — \$25	Angela Marie Cincotta
Agawam High School Business Department —	
Best Stenographic Student — \$15	Linda Ann Freeman

Agawam High School Business Department —
 Bookkeeping Income Tax Award — \$10 each Diane Lynn Francis, Cheryl Ann Hale
 Agawam Business Club (High School) —
 Outstanding Member Award — \$15 Rosalie Mary Placanico
 Student Librarian Awards — For Service to the School on the Library Staff for Two Years —
 \$15 each — Carol Ann Gillan, Elizabeth Mary Kana, Diane Marie Knowlton, Nancy
 Elizabeth Leger, Louise Marion Spear, Caroyln Ann Stefanik
 Chalkliners Award — For Contributing in Dramatics —
 Chalkliners Theatre Gronp — \$25 Charlene Rawson
 Art Award — Agawam Junior Women's Club — \$25 Catherine Anne Mahoney
 Music Award — Agawam Junior Women's Club — \$25 Clifford J. Gibson, Jr.
 Art Club Award — Agawam Art Club — \$15 Catherine Anne Mahoney
 Lydia Blakeslee Award — \$25 Elizabeth Mary Kana
 Elks Award — West Springfield-Agawam Elks —
 \$50 Bond Donna Marie Labun, Robert Charles Morin
 Donated by Agawam Food Mart — Highest Academic Averages for Boys and Girls —
 \$50 each Angela Marie Cincotta, Robert Charles Morin
 The Reader's Digest Valedictorian Award —
 Reader's Digest Association Steven Douglas Cirillo
 Faolin M. Peirce Scholarship — \$75 each
 John Joseph Andros Thomas Bernard Davilli Karen Irene Kelley
 David A. Borgatti Debra Louise Dennis Donna Marie Labun
 Marlo Allen Buiso Clifford James Gibson, Jr. Patricia Ann McCormick
 David F. Carney Linda A. Higgins Carolyn Ann Stefanik
 Louis Edward Conte Donna Marie Hout Sharon Marie Suffriti
 Benjamin J. Phelps Scholarship — \$100 each
 John Joseph Andros Thomas Ivor Davies Carolyn Ann Stefanik
 Stephen Kent Atwater Wayne Brown Gates Donald Jay Taddia
 Jane Ellen Bitgood Elizabeth Mary Kana Moira Ann Walsh
 Vicki Joann Catchepaugh Susan Eleanor Kerr
 Carol Ann Cimma Donna Marie Morassi
 Agawam Hockey Parents Scholarships — \$100
 Stephen Kent Atwater William Robert Hamel Michael O'Brien
 Michael Wayne Drewnowski Steven George Kamyk Daniel Edward Sullivan
 Michael James Fenton
 Gridiron Mothers Scholarships — \$100 each
 Louis Edward Conte Robert Charles Morin Dana Robert Raymond
 Randall Edwin Cushing Paul D. Murphy Gary Allen Stafford
 Michael Wayne Drewnowski Michael O'Brien Kevin Michael Sullivan
 Nicholas A. Longhi David Francis O'Malley David Michael Tangredi
 Agawam UNICO — \$200 each
 Benjamin John Cheslawski Angela Marie Cincotta Donald Jay Taddia
 Carol Ann Cimma Cynthia Lee Grasso
 Agawam Women's Club — \$150 Nancy Susan Andrews
 Polish American Club and Women's Auxiliary
 Andrea Roselen Ciak Maryann Klimaj Steven Edward Monkiewicz
 Michael Wayne Drewnowski Donna Marie Labun Ronald Joseph Sipitkowski
 Agawam Basketball Parents Scholarships — \$75 each
 Dwight Stephen Cabra Louis Edward Conte Robert Charles Morin
 Benjamin John Cheslawski Thomas Ivor Davies Donald Jay Taddia
 John Stanley Cheslawski
 Agawam Lions Club — \$200 each
 Matthew Stanley Bonk, Jr. Thomas Ivor Davies Carolyn Ann Stefanik
 Carol Ann Cimma
 Trestle Board Club of Agawam — \$150 each Wayne Brown Gates, Brenda Estelle Walker
 Agawam High School Faculty Club — \$100 each Carol Ann Gillan, Susan Eleanore Kerr
 Agawam Lioness Club — \$100 each Diane Marie Knowlton, Janice Marie Lucia

Raymond E. Harris Scholarship — \$260 Robert Charles Morin
 Agawam Education Association — \$200 each Carol Ann Cimme, Brenda Estelle Walker
 St. Anthony Society and Auxiliary — \$100 Clifford James Gibson, Jr.
 P. Joseph Curran Memorial Scholarship Fund —
 \$250 each Gail Charlotte Colburn, Elizabeth Mary Kana
 Wilson-Thompson American Legion Post 185 Auxiliary — \$100 Clifford James Gibson, Jr.
 Agawam-West Springfield Kiwanis Club — \$200 Angela Marie Cincotta
 Feeding Hills Community Women's Club — \$100 Sabina Ann Ugolick
 Personality Club — \$50 each Gail Charlotte Colburn, Sharon Marie Suffriti
 T. O. Parzich Scholarship — \$100 each John Joseph Andros, Carolyn Ann Stefanik
 Captain Edward J. Connelly, Jr. Memorial Scholarship — \$300 Robert Charles Morin
 Community Grange No. 382 — \$100 each Denise Marie Ashton, Elizabeth Mary Kana
 Wilson-Thompson American Legion Post 185 —
 \$250 each Vicki Joann Catchepaugh, Thomas Ivor Davies
 Agawam High School Future Nurses Scholarship — \$25 Patricia Ann McCormick
 Agawam V.F.W. Auxiliary Post No. 1632 —
 \$75 each Wayne Brown Gates, Carolyn Ann Stefanik
 Agawam Junior High Magazine Scholarship — \$100 Susan Jean Brown
 Agawam Junior Women's Club Scholarships —
 \$100 each Jane Ellen Bitgood, Diane Lee Torre
 Agawam High School Chorale Scholarships — \$50 each
 Nancy Susan Andrews Debra Ruth Grant Thomas Michael Wyatt
 Clifford James Gibson, Jr.
 Western Bank and Trust Co. (Feeding Hills Branch) — \$100 Betty L. Frenette
 Anderson-Morin Memorial Scholarships —
 \$100 each Thomas Ivor Davis, Robert Charles Morin
 Sylvia R. Chapin Memorial Scholarships — \$100 each Carol Ann Cimme, Maryann Klimaj
 Edward A. Daigneau Memorial Scholarship — \$100 John Joseph Andros
 Mr. and Mrs. Taffy Marieb Memorial Scholarships —
 \$50 each Michael Joseph Foley, Paula Louise Gibeault
 Agawam Teen Center Scholarships —
 \$150 each Gail Charlotte Colburn, Joseph Augusta Della-Giustina, Jr.

Membership in the Eleanor Smith Chapter of the National Honor Society is attained through an 85% average or better. The names of those members of the Class of 1971 who have achieved this honor follow:

Susan Esther Affleck	Thomas Ivor Davies	Donna Marie Morassi
John Joseph Andros	Linda Louise Farnsworth	Robert Charles Morin
Denise Marie Ashton	Betty L. Frenette	Deborah Lynn Ploof
Jane Ellen Bitgood	Carol Ann Gillan	Eleanor Mary Popko
Matthew Stanley Bonk, Jr.	Cynthia Lou Jenney	Robin Rennell
Patricia Jeanne Brunelle	Elizabeth Mary Kana	William Henry Rivers
Valerie Sue Bryan	Karen Irene Kelley	Louise Marion Spear
Linda Dianne Campbell	Susan Eleanore Kerr	Carolyn Ann Stefanik
Nancy Jane Carpenter	James Richard Knapp	Donald Jay Taddia
Vicki Joann Catchepaugh	Diane Marie Knowlton	Diane Lee Torre
Benjamin John Cheslawski	Janice Marie Lucia	Ann Marie Jean Valenti
Carol Ann Cimme	Janet Lynn Maynard	Sabina Ann Ugolick
Angela Marie Cincotta	Marilyn Rose McCobb	Brenda Estelle Walker
Gail Charlotte Colburn	Mary Christina McMullin	Deborah Jean Wallace

The success that a school attains depends upon many factors and particularly the valuable assistance of numerous people. I'm sure that the school and the Town of Agawam has lost an outstanding educator with the retirement of Mr. James Clark. His advice and friendship I have cherished greatly. We wish him many

years of happy retirement. I look forward with great pleasure to working with his successor Dr. Robert Gardner.

I wish Mr. James Bruno, former assistant principal, much success in his new position as Assistant to the Superintendent. We miss his fine work. Yet his position has been well filled by Mr. John Morrissey who in a few short months has made a fine impact on the school by his able and very energetic assistance.

My sincere thanks to all those other groups that have made this past year a success: a concerned School Committee, interested parents and townspeople, a hardworking and devoted faculty and a loyal and cooperative student body.

Junior High School Principal

Charles L. Kistner, Principal

In reviewing the school year, I think it would be appropriate to call it a year of "service." I know with pleasure that our students participated in the Benjamin Phelps Scholarship Drive, the Junior Red Cross Program, solicited for St. Jude's Hospital, participated in the "Step Out For People March" to improve the animal care shelter at Forest Park, and took part in the Hampden County Sportsmen's Clean-up of Bondi's Island. All of these programs are tremendously worthwhile and I am sure that those students who participated gained much from the experience.

The Science Club under the direction of Mr. Francis O'Leary and Mr. Paul Dion, besides taking a field trip to the Boston Science Museum, developed with planting and stone pathways the courtyard between the main building and the cafeteria. All seventh grade students with their science teachers visited the Springfield Planetarium. Again this year all eighth graders toured the Freedom Trail in Boston with their English teachers. This tour has become an annual event and teachers and students who participated think of it as one of the highlights of the school year. Miss Gail Begley with students Cheryl Fogg and Donald Smith participated in the annual Massachusetts Heritage Day Program at Plimoth Plantation.

Mr. David Bates, eighth grade class advisor, instituted a new program this year in the form of a class book which includes individual photographs, class photographs, and pictures of general interest in and around the school. The eighth grade class in conjunction with the Agawam V.F.W. held a dance in April. The proceeds were used to purchase a glass enclosed bulletin board which now hangs in the main corridor. Miss Deborah Faucette and Joseph Rolland were the recipients of the gold pin in recognition of valuable service to the school.

We were pleased that Mr. John Morrissey, for many years a teacher of history at the junior high, was promoted to the position of assistant principal at the high school. Mr. Henry Baker retired after thirty-seven years of devoted service as a teacher. For the past two and one-half years Mr. Baker served as seventh grade guidance counselor. The students and faculty of the junior high school will miss the concern and understanding given them.

Adult Education

Richard Barry, Director

In 1971 six hundred and fifty-seven students enrolled in the thirty-six courses available to them. This was the twentieth year that the people of Agawam have supported an adult education program. Classes are held in the Agawam Junior High School four nights a week and in the High School three nights a week.

In 1971 sixteen students satisfactorily completed the requirements necessary and were granted Evening High School Diplomas. Four students did work enabling them to receive an Agawam High School Diploma and two students were granted diplomas from Southwick High School as a result of work completed in Agawam. Because Agawam is one of the few towns in Hampden County offering a full evening high school program, graduates this year were from Westfield, Belchertown, West Springfield, Southwick, Hampden and Chicopee, as well as Agawam.

In 1971 fourteen classes were offered in the academic field, three in commercial fields, and nineteen classes were available in the practical arts program. The sewing program was enlarged, a conversational Spanish course was offered for the first time in several years, and three new teachers were hired to staff the additional classes.

In 1971 three sewing machines and tables were purchased for use in the Agawam Junior High and audio-visual equipment was purchased for use in the high school in conjunction with the day classes in both buildings. No appropriations are ever requested for any equipment purchased for the Adult Education program and none is bought at the taxpayers' expense.

Approximately one hundred and twenty-five members of the United States power squadron meet weekly in the cafeteria of the Agawam Junior High School under the sponsorship of Adult Education. Many Agawam residents are among those registered for this course.

The Adult Education program is operated under the supervision of a director, nineteen teachers and a secretary. All Evening High School teachers and Practical Arts teachers are state certified, qualified teachers. Teachers must improve themselves professionally each year in order to maintain their certification.

In 1971 one of our best known and most dedicated teachers passed away. Mrs. Elsie Carlson served faithfully many years and will be missed by her colleagues and friends.

The directors wish to commend and thank the Agawam School Committee for the continued interest in encouraging a growing Adult Education program in Agawam. Mr. Paul Tatros, Principal of Agawam High School and Mr. Charles Kistner, Principal of the Agawam Junior High School have cooperated to the fullest extent in providing unlimited use of the facilities of their respective schools.

A school is only as good as its faculty and Agawam is fortunate in having available a staff of superior, experienced teachers whose efforts will insure a successful Adult Education program in Agawam. They have my thanks and I'm sure the thanks of the citizens of Agawam they are teaching.

School Health

Mrs. Ethel Kane, Head Nurse

The school health services conducted by school nurses involves a constructive approach to building a health society starting with the youth in the community. These services contribute directly to the process of education; to strengthen and improve the health status of both students and personnel.

Vision screenings, hearing tests, physical examinations, and health appraisal follow-ups are conducted yearly. Tuberculin tine tests are given each year to first and ninth grade students. Rubella vaccine clinics are held in all elementary schools under the supervision of town nurses, school nurses, and the Agawam Board of Health doctor.

The Future Nurses Club at the Agawam High School has had a very active year, and members helped at the amblyopia screening of entering first grade students. Once again the Lioness Club participated in this. Parents and school staff have been very appreciative.

The Crest Dental Health program was again completed in all elementary schools.

Meetings, seminars, surveys, in-service programs and conferences are attended by all of the nursing staff.

New School Building Committee

Arthur Zavarella, Chairman

This report is presented by the New School Building Committee. Mr. Arthur Zavarella, chairman, Mrs. Venetta Synder, vice-chairman, Mr. Alfred H. Christopher, treasurer, Mr. Richard S. Brindle, Mr. Joseph Ferrari, Mr. Larry O. Hovland, Mr. Frank J. Meyer, Jr., Mr. Raymond A. Saracino and Mr. Joseph Pisano.

Ground was broken for the new junior high school in June of 1971. The new school is situated on a thirty-acre site in Feeding Hills Center, adjacent to the Granger Elementary School. The total construction cost is \$4,850,000. It is a two-floor building which will house approximately 900 students in grades 8 and 9. The building will consist of 53 rooms or teaching stations; 31 core classrooms and 22 specialized rooms. A complete building in terms of facilities is being constructed. The industrial arts area will contain five teaching stations; in addition there will be three homemaking rooms, two commercial rooms, four rooms for remedial work; and three physical education stations including a swimming pool. Also, a 600 student lecture hall which can be divided into three small lecture halls, a large library, two language rooms, two art rooms, one room for educable students, and a cafeteria with a seating capacity of 350 students.

The design of the school incorporates specific features to facilitate its use by young and older adults in the evening and summer programs for study, learning, skills, physical fitness and recreation.

The large air-conditioned library, auditorium, cafeteria, shops, swimming pool, and nature study grounds with ample parking and planned access from Springfield Street, South Westfield Street, and Shoemaker Lane will make this school one of the most popular and valuable assets of the community. This up-to-date and progressive school will also serve as a definite point of departure for comparably upgrading and developing the elementary schools below it, and the senior high school above it.

Completion date is slated for late December 1972. Construction has progressed on schedule and the committee is hopeful the building will be completed and ready for partial occupancy early in 1973.



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Saint John's	Saint Theresa's
Sacred Heart	Saint Anthony's
Agawam Congregational	Valley Community Church
Agawam Baptist	Methodist — F.H. Congregational Churches

BUSINESSES

Sweet Life Foods	Nissen Bakery	Malone Farms	We Hope Farms	Buxton's
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Agawam—West Springfield Elks	Lions
Agawam Moose Lodge	Unico
Agawam J.C's	YMCA (Junior Leaders)
Agawam Teen Center	Sacred Heart Athletic Association
V.F.W. No. 1632	Polish American Club Auxiliary
V.F.W. No. 1632 Auxiliary	Saint John's Guild
Agawam Education Association	Agawam Democratic Women's Club
Agawam Citizen's Organization	Agawam Women's Club
Agawam Junior Woman's Club	

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Superintendent	PTA Council
School Committee	Agawam High School Art Department
School Principals Association	Agawam High School Students
Agawam Education Association	PTA of the grade schools and Junior High

INDIVIDUALS

A special note of gratitude for all who sent in money and foodstuffs.

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Church Directory

Agawam Congregational Church 745 Main Street	Rev. Floyd C. Bryan Tel. 732-6856
Feeding Hills Congregational Church 21 North Westfield Street	Rev. Bruce H. Bowen Tel. 786-4012
First Baptist Church of Agawam 760 Main Street	Rev. Benjamin T. Lockhart Tel. 734-5477 or 734-0700
Agawam United Methodist Church 459 Mill Street	Rev. Peter Moonie Tel. 786-4174
Sacred Heart Catholic Church 1100 Springfield Street	Rev. Joseph Flood, C.S.S. Tel. 786-3445
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Cor. of Maple and Bridge Streets	Rev. James Flanagan, C.S.S., Pastor Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S. Tel. 786-3724
St. David Episcopal Church 522 Springfield Street	Rev. John Tyler Tel. 737-9804
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 823 Main Street	Rev. Walter Joyce Tel. 733-1869
St. Theresa Catholic Church 74 Bridge Street	Rev. Paul J. Bernard Tel. 732-8132
Valley Community Church 152 South Westfield Street	Rev. Frank E. Dunn Tel. 786-2445
Gospel Baptist Church 20 South Westfield Street	Rev. Harold E. Small Tel. 734-0559

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AGAWAM POLICE DEPARTMENT . . . 786-4767 or 786-4768
AGAWAM FIRE DEPARTMENT 786-1241
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 786-0400

Night, weekend sewer or water emergencies — Call Police Department